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Diplomats seek to co-ordinate peace deal

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

■ The PLO says that it wants Jordan, Syria and Lebanon to sign peace agreements with Israel at the same time as Palestinians agree the proposed accord on self-rule

INTENSIVE diplomacy was being carried out behind the scenes last night to try to co-ordinate the signing of a self-rule accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation with simultaneous peace frameworks between Israel and Syria, Lebanon and Jordan, the three other participants in the Washington peace talks.

The flurry of diplomatic activity, in which Egypt was understood to be playing a central role, followed expressions of concern from Syria and Lebanon about the possibility of a separate deal involving only the Palestinians and a call by King Husain of Jordan for an emergency Arab summit meeting to discuss the planned deal. The need for urgency in the negotiations was underlined last night when the Israeli army announced that Palestinian gunmen had shot dead an Israeli soldier and wounded a second near Hebron, on the West Bank.

Israeli and Palestinian officials in Washington said that full mutual recognition between Israel and the PLO was now inevitable, and that only a "few snags" remained to be ironed out. The differences had boiled down to a few words in the draft of a Palestinian statement that would recognise Israel, disavow terrorism and promise abrogation of the PLO's founding covenant, which calls for Israel's destruction. In return, Israel would explicitly recognise the PLO as the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

Negotiators continued to communicate by fax and telephone yesterday. The main sticking-point was the specific terms with which the PLO would renounce its covenant. Last night Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, was meeting his executive committee in Tunis, and Palestinian officials in Washington said it was possible that the discussions would culminate in a statement meeting Israel's demands.

Hanan Ashrawi, the Palestinian spokeswoman, said yesterday that agreement on recognition was inevitable. "There were a few snags but we will get to see it. Whether today or tomorrow, I don't know," she said. An Israeli official said: "It is going to happen. People have come too far to let one or two words scuttle this thing."

The announcement of mutual recognition will pave the way for a ceremony in Washington next week to sign the historic agreement on Palestinian self-rule in the occupied territories. During talks in Tunis yesterday to complete the timing and text of the Israel-PLO deal, the PLO said it wanted Jordan, Syria and Lebanon to sign peace agreements with Israel at the same time as the Palestinians sign an accord on self-rule that would begin in the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

"We are making efforts for the agreements to be signed at the same time," said Hakam Balawi, a close aide of Mr Arafat, who faces widespread opposition to the proposed deal from Palestinian radicals and mainstream members of his organisation. "This would show that our common understanding is a comprehensive peace with all."

Mr Balawi dismissed suggestions that the co-ordination effort would delay the signing of any accord between the Palestinians and Israel. "We are at the final stages before

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Kidnap and sex abuse claimed

UK children rescued from religious cult

FROM GABRIELLA GAMUNI IN BUENOS AIRES

BRITISH children were among hundreds rescued yesterday by Argentine police after raids on the homes of members of a religious cult. Videos and magazines of children being sexually abused and taking part in what were called satanic ceremonies were also seized by the Argentine authorities.

The raids on 10 houses in fashionable northern districts of Buenos Aires were ordered after police received complaints that children had been kidnapped by a sect known as The Family and were being sexually abused.

About 30 adults accused of running the sect, which is an offshoot of the notorious Children of God cult, were arrested. Founded in 1968, the cult preaches that redemption can be gained through sexual promiscuity.

Police officers said that British and Irish children were among those liberated, but were unable to say how many. Most of the children, some as young as three, are from the United States but there are also Canadians, Chileans, Peruvians, Brazilians and Argentinians involved.

Among the adults arrested are Argentinians and a number of foreigners. Twelve people have been charged with child abuse and kidnapping, according to judicial authorities.

Avril Greatrex, a British diplomat in Buenos Aires, said last night: "We have heard that some of the children are British. This is what we are trying to follow up."

The raids on the luxury villas, where children were kept in dormitories, were launched after a Buenos Aires judge, Roberto Markevitch, received requests from the United States embassy to investigate the kidnapping of children by the sect. Judge Markevitch, who now leads the investigation, has taken evidence from former sect members who said that child abuse was seen as a way of communicating with God.

A judicial spokesman, Carlos Villafuente Russo, said in the northern district of San Isidro that cult leaders faced charges of "sexual abuse, deprivation of liberty" and allegations that children were used in "abhorrent satanistic acts".

The Children of God cult was founded by a former Methodist preacher, David Brant Berg, who had lived in Bromley, Kent, but who left Britain and ordered all cult members to leave after disgruntled followers spoke out against him. Mr Berg, 74, is now thought to be living in Japan.

In the sect headquarters, near the town of Pilar on the outskirts of Buenos Aires, police found explicit videos and pornographic magazines, and rescued at least 40 children who had slept in bunk beds in cramped rooms.

Argentine television showed horrific acts in uncensored extracts of the videos after late-night news programmes on Wednesday.

Chief Inspector Juan Carlos Rebollo, who led the raids, said: "These children had blank stares and acted like zombies. We found them locked up in tiny rooms.

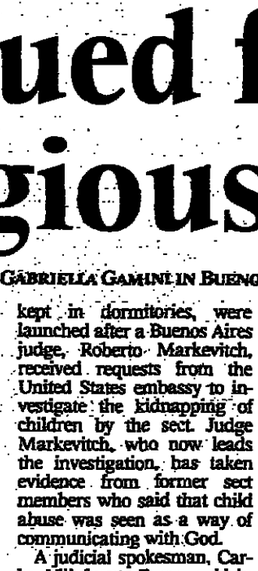
"We found evidence suggesting that The Family was funded by influential businessmen worldwide and that children were kidnapped in one place and taken to another so that they would be difficult to trace. We have information that this group has followers worldwide and children are exchanged between different countries," he said.

The children, some of them allegedly accompanied by their mothers, were taken into protective custody by the Argentine government's National Council for Minors. Their embassies have still had no access to them, but the children are being questioned by social workers and will have medical examinations in homes across Buenos Aires.

The Family has in recent years faced repeated police and legal investigations into allegations of sexual and psychological abuse of children. In June, 22 adults were arrested and 80 children seized in France after a two-year investigation. The children were released, but 15 adults are awaiting a court hearing.

In May last year, 140 children were seized and questioned by welfare officials in dawn raids in Victoria and

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Berg cult leader now thought to be in Japan



Terry Venables, ousted chief executive of Tottenham Hotspur, the quoted football company, who yesterday sold his 23 per cent holding in the club for more than £3 million and has resigned as a director (Martin Flanagan writes).

He said, however, that he would continue his action against Spurs and Alan Sugar, the company's multi-millionaire chairman who has a controlling 47.8 per cent stake in the club, for alleged breach of contract, damages and wrongful dismissal. The July dismissal was upheld by the High Court.

The £3 million is less than the reported £4.5 million — comprising £4 million for his shares and £500,000 in compensation — believed to have been offered by Mr Sugar earlier.

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Howard unveils more privatised jails

BY RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Howard yesterday unveiled proposals for 10 per cent of the 133 jails in England and Wales to be run by the private sector. Twelve prisons are to be managed by the private sector in a rolling privatisation programme which the companies involved and penal reform groups believe will end with at least 30 jails being run by about four security firms.

All new prisons in England and Wales will be designed and built by the private sector, the first of them in Liverpool and South Wales. They may also be financed by private capital.

With The Wolds and Blakenhurst already run privately, and Doncaster due to open next year under private management, there will then be five privatised jails.

The management of seven existing prisons, which will be identified by early next year, is to be put out to tender with bids expected from private firms and the prison service.

Mr Howard, the home secretary, said: "Our aim is to create a private sector able to provide sustained competition. There are already encouraging signs that competition is the spur to higher standards and greater cost efficiency".

The minister's announcement, disclosed in *The Times* on Tuesday, stunned penal affairs groups, prison governors and the powerful Prison Officers' Association. Condemning the plans, Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, accused the government of pursuing "mistaken dogma" which would do little to ease the misery of millions of victims of crime.

John Bartell, of the 29,000 strong POA, said he believed a ballot of members over industrial action was inevitable.

The front-runners, page 2

Brain graft fear of CJD

BY JOHN VINCENT

A NEW scare over the fatal brain condition Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease emerged yesterday with fears that patients who have had brain grafts could be at risk.

Women who had infertility treatment and children with restricted growth were already linked with CJD. Yesterday brain operation patients became the third group cited when the health department said three people in Britain and four others had died after insertion of grafted tissue.

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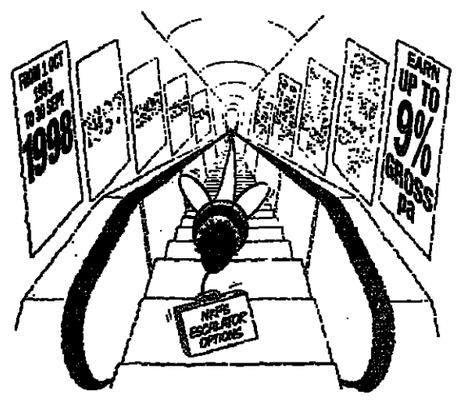
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12,000 at risk from brain disease may never be traced

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Services Correspondent

■ A new alert started over Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease as women trying to call a helpline found the switchboard jammed

UP TO 12,000 brain surgery patients who are at risk of dying from Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) may never be traced, the Department of Health said yesterday.

Details of the threat to thousands more patients emerged as hundreds of callers jammed an emergency helpline set up after the health department announced that a hormone treatment for infertility might put some patients at risk.

Women complained that they could not get through to the helpline despite an increase in the number of operators answering calls from 12 to 65. "I am not hysterical about this but I want to establish what is going on," said a company director who called *The Times*. "I have been on the phone all morning and I cannot get through. I think the way this is being handled is appalling."

Doctors estimate that 300 women who took human pituitary gonadotrophin over a 30-year period up to 1985 may be at risk, but more than 100,000 women have taken other forms of the hormone and have been jamming the lines. People who received growth hormone obtained from human pituitary glands as children are also at risk.

The department confirmed last night that brain surgery patients operated on between 1971 and 1991 who had a form of preserved human tissue grafted into their brains were also at risk from CJD, the human form of "mad cow" disease.

Three patients in the UK have died from the condition after brain grafts and there have been five other deaths worldwide. The preserved tissue, obtained from the brains of cadavers and marketed as Lyodura, was withdrawn in 1991. The a health department had given a warning about its risks four years earlier.

Lyodura is a preserved form of the membrane covering the brain used to replace the patient's own membrane when it is damaged in surgery. It was obtained from the brains of cadavers and freeze-dried to preserve it. Scientists assumed that this process would destroy the CJD virus but when the first case of the disease linked with the material emerged in the US in 1987, the manufacturing process was tightened.

A second warning was issued by the health department in 1989 after a second patient died of the disease in New Zealand. The British cases occurred in 1990 and 1991.

"We have acted at each stage as the evidence has hardened," a health department spokesman said. Six hundred people a year had received the grafts over 20 years, but the chances of further cases emerging were "likely to be small", he said.

However, the department said later that the disease could take up to ten years to develop following infection through a brain graft. There is a 30-year incubation period following infection through pituitary hormone.

The spokesman said it would be extremely difficult to identify the brain surgery patients at risk. "Many who had surgery wouldn't know whether they were treated with Lyodura. Millions of records would have to be checked, some of which may have been destroyed," he said.

Professor Ian Cooke, who is heading the counselling coordinating centre at Sheffield's Jessop Hospital for Women, said there were records for half the 300 believed to be at risk, but some data were up to 25 years old.

Only six women who had contacted the helpline had been definitely identified as having received human pituitary gonadotrophin out of the thousands who had called. Many had been treated with human menopausal gonadotrophin, a product obtained from the urine of postmenopausal women, which carries no risk.

SIMON WALKER



Michael Howard announcing the prison reforms yesterday

Security firms bid for jail business

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

FOUR private security firms are the front-runners to be involved in building new prisons and bidding to manage existing establishments.

Prisons planned for Fazakerley in Liverpool to hold 600 inmates and near Bridgend in South Wales could be the first designed and built with private money. The three privately managed prisons at The Wolds, at Blakenhurst and at Doncaster — which opens next year — were paid for by the government but public spending restraints make involving private capital in building jails an enticing prospect for ministers. Derek Lewis, director-general of the prison service, said yesterday that using private capital would mean the cost of the projects would not count as public sector borrowing under Treasury rules, as long as the firms took on the "real risk" involved.

Private companies have told Whitehall officials that they would be able to achieve substantial savings to the government by building prisons faster and designing them to meet particular needs.

The contractual arrangements between the government and private companies would be complex, with one involving building and another management. Should a firm fail to meet proper standards, the government must have the power to take control of a prison or offer it to another contractor.

Stephen Twinn of Group 4, said that if a management contract was removed, a contractor would remain the landlord of the prison; or it could be stipulated in the contract that on termination of the deal, the state would buy the prison.

The leading firms expected to head the next phase of prison privatisation are:

☐ Group 4 Remand Services Ltd: Won contract to run The Wolds remand prison on Humberside. Opened April 1992 with a five-year contract. Holds 320 inmates.

☐ United Kingdom Detention Services: Runs Blakenhurst jail at Redditch, Hereford and Worcester, the first holding sentenced, remand and convicted prisoners to be privatised. To hold 649 inmates.

☐ Securicor Ltd: Securicor Custodial Services set up in 1991 to bid for private jails and prison escort services. Had the contract to run Harmondsworth detention centre; lost it to Group 4 in 1988.

☐ Premier Prison Services: Formed in July 1992. A joint venture between Florida-based Wackenhut Corrections Corporation and Serco, a facilities management company.

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Hanson gives $1m to US flood victims

By Richard Duce

UNITED States aid efforts around the world are recalled today by Lord Hanson in an announcement of a donation of $1 million (£667,000) for victims of flooding in the American Midwest.

The chairman of Hanson, Lord Hanson says he hopes other British companies with business interest in the US will follow his example by giving to the American Red Cross, which has so far raised more than £10 million for flood victims.

Speaking in London yesterday he said: "The American people have consistently contributed to the well-being of others around the globe and have always been the first in line to provide humanitarian aid whenever and wherever it was needed. This is an opportunity for us to return that support."

Elizabeth Dole, president of the American Red Cross, said: "This disaster has cost hundreds of thousands of people their homes and their livelihoods and has brought misery and devastation.

"We especially appreciate the fact that a transnational company should come to the aid of Americans in need. Clearly, this company believes in helping communities in which it operates, whether foreign or domestic."

Lord Hanson made similar donations after the San Francisco earthquake and Hurrican Hugo in 1989. Hanson employs about 50,000 people in America, where it earns $8 billion (£5.3 billion) a year.

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Fire strike threat hangs over Smith

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

FIREFIGHTERS' leaders yesterday raised fresh prospects of a national strike over pay as trade union leaders moved to head off a damaging dispute over the engineering union at the annual conference of the Trades Union Congress (TUC) next week.

The two moves ensure that John Smith will make his first speech as Labour party leader to the TUC conference against a troubled background. At Labour's conference later this month, he is expected to refer explicitly to the looming dispute with the unions over his proposals for reforming party democracy.

Leaders of the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) yesterday set out their plans for a strike ballot if local authority employers insisted on sticking to the government's 1.5 per cent pay limit for public sector workers this year.

A special FBU conference, meeting at the TUC's headquarters in London, decided to ballot in October if, as looks certain, fire employers say later this month they will not apply the firefighters' long-standing pay determination formula this year.

A series of national one-day strikes could begin as early as November 8, though many in the fire service remain highly sceptical that firefighters will vote to strike.

Though problems over fire pay still remain, leaders of the AEEU engineering union last night moved to ease a dispute which threatened to engulf the TUC conference in Brighton when they voted to accept tough terms for the union's full readmission to the TUC.

Five years ago, the electricians' section of the AEEU, then a separate union, was expelled from the TUC for refusing to accept its decisions.

The TUC's terms, set by its governing general council at its pre-conference meeting yesterday, state that the AEEU must accept the decisions it rejected then as well as all future TUC rulings, and that it must stop organising in part of the construction industry until it has had TUC clearance to do so.

UK children are freed from sex cult

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New South Wales. Another community was raided and children seized in Spain in July 1990, and two communities were raided in Argentina in 1989.

In all of these cases the children were returned home and so far no charges against adults have been sustained. Atilio Alvarez, the president of Argentina's National Council for Minors, said: "These children were brought up by the sect and separated from the rest of society. But none of them shows signs of physical injury."

An investigation into The Family and members of the Children of God sect was started in 1989 after an American family demanded an enquiry into the disappearance in Argentina of four children whose mother was a sect follower.

Ruth MacKee arrived in Argentina with her children but returned to the United States with only two of them and later died after a breast cancer operation. Her family is still searching for her two younger children.

An Irishman, Michael Highlands, also reported to judicial authorities that his wife and two young daughters had been taken in by the sect and kept in Argentina. But these enquiries were not resolved until this week, when new evidence from former sect members emerged and Judge Markevitch reopened the investigation.

Separated Siamese twin boys recover

Siamese twin boys were last night recovering from a successful 16-hour operation to separate them at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital in London. The eight-strong surgical team have given the Italian twins, Beniaminio and Mario Di Coza, aged ten months, a 50-50 chance of survival after Wednesday's operation.

Last night the boys, from Nusco, Avellino, were said to be "stable and doing as well as can be expected". They were joined from the upper chest to the pelvis, and each had one leg. The each had a heart but shared a liver and lower bowel.

Hunt master guilty

Captain Ian Farquhar, 47, master of the Beaufort Hunt, was found guilty by magistrates at Yate, Avon, of two charges of aiding and abetting interference with badger sets. He was conditionally discharged for two years and ordered to pay £4,000 costs. After the three-day hearing, the National Trust said it would exclude the hunt from its land.

Julie Ward cash pledge

The Kenyan government has promised to reimburse £320,000 spent by the father of Julie Ward on investigating her murder after local police claimed she had been killed by wild animals. John Ward, 60, demanded the money when he met President Moi in Nairobi. Miss Ward, 28, was hacked to death in the Masai Mara game reserve in 1988.

Walker plans next step



Ffyona Campbell, left, the first woman to walk the length of Africa, landed at Gatwick yesterday and declared that her next ambition was to design a walking shoe. She said that her trip had caused her feet to expand and she was unable to find a shoe that was a perfect fit. After 28 months of walking, she said that she was looking forward to driving a car.

Peter Brookes, page 16

Mothers ring HIV line

A helpline set up at the North Staffordshire Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent, after the disclosure that a member of its maternity unit was HIV positive received 126 calls yesterday. Seven mothers have already been offered tests and counselling because they were given injections by the man.

Family killed in fire

A mother and her three children died in a house fire yesterday. Helen Willis, 29, and her children Jonathan, 7, Christoper, 5, and Joanne, 11 months, were found unconscious at their home in Redditch, Hereford and Worcester. A cigarette is thought to have started the fire.

David Hart Clinic

We should like to make it clear that, contrary to a report (June 24) about a dispute between the David Hart Clinic and the Spastics Society, no child has been denied a walking frame as a result of the dispute. The Birmingham David Hart Clinic is already fitting the first children from the waiting list, and is scheduled to fit all children at present on the list over the next two years. The clinic states that it has not received any cash grants from the society, although the society did provide two staff for a year to assist the clinic.

Sellafield starts uranium tests

By A Staff Reporter

URANIUM testing began yesterday at Sellafield's Thorp reprocessing plant, British Nuclear Fuels said. The first 20 tonnes from a consignment of 60 tonnes of low-level natural and depleted uranium liquid arrived at the Cumbrian plant in a road tanker and was pumped into a holding tank.

Greenpeace said that the move was irresponsible and an attempt to pre-empt proceedings today in the Court of Appeal. The pressure group will ask the court to stop the ten-week trial pending the outcome of its High Court application for a judicial review of the government's decision to permit the tests. That will be heard on September 14.

British Nuclear Fuels said uranyl nitrate liquid was pumped into a tank inside the uranium handling area in readiness for testing the purification system and converting the liquid to powder. David Bonser, Thorp director, said: "Today was a routine operation. This is not uranium that has been through a reactor so it is not highly radioactive but it does allow us to test some of the chemistry of the plant."

Greenpeace will argue at its judicial review application that permitting the tests is highly prejudicial to the consultation procedures, still under way, into whether Thorp should be allowed to operate. John Gummer, the environment secretary, has said he is "minded" to grant the application for an operating licence.

Bridget Woodman, of Greenpeace, said it was irresponsible to contaminate the equipment when the tests might have to be halted. "This is an attempt to pre-empt tomorrow's hearing so they can say there is no point in stopping now as the testing process has started."

Daughter gives up fight for child she gave to mother

By Ronald Faux and Ian Murray

■ A six-year-old girl has been caught in the middle of an unusual family battle. An uneasy peace was reached yesterday

A LEGAL battle spanning three generations ended yesterday when a woman abandoned her efforts to win custody of a baby she gave to her mother six years ago.

The woman and her mother agreed a surrogacy arrangement after the older woman remarried and suffered two miscarriages. She was told by her doctor that she would not be able to have another baby. The older woman, now 47, said yesterday: "I told her how desperate I was for a child and my daughter looked at me and said, 'Don't worry, Mum. I will have one for you'."

Her daughter was then 18. She deliberately became pregnant after casual sex with her boy friend and, for seven months, kept her pregnancy secret from neighbours, rarely venturing out of the family home. Her mother held her hand at Blackpool Victoria Hospital as the baby girl was born.

The baby's birth was registered in the name of the older woman and her husband. The daughter was content to look after the child, occasionally pretending to be her aunt. Trouble started because the couple wanted to give the child more than they could afford. They bought a new home and, when the girl was old enough, sent her to a preparatory school costing £7,000 a year. Police were eventually called in to investigate where the money was coming from and, when court proceedings for fraud were started against the older woman last May, her daughter applied for custody of her child.

After being put on probation for the fraud offences, the surrogate mother fought to keep the girl. Five hearings before magistrates in Fleetwood, Lancashire, were adjourned before the daughter decided yesterday not to press her case. The magistrates granted full custody to her mother, whom the child calls Mummy, and gave weekend access to the natural mother, whom the child calls Auntie.

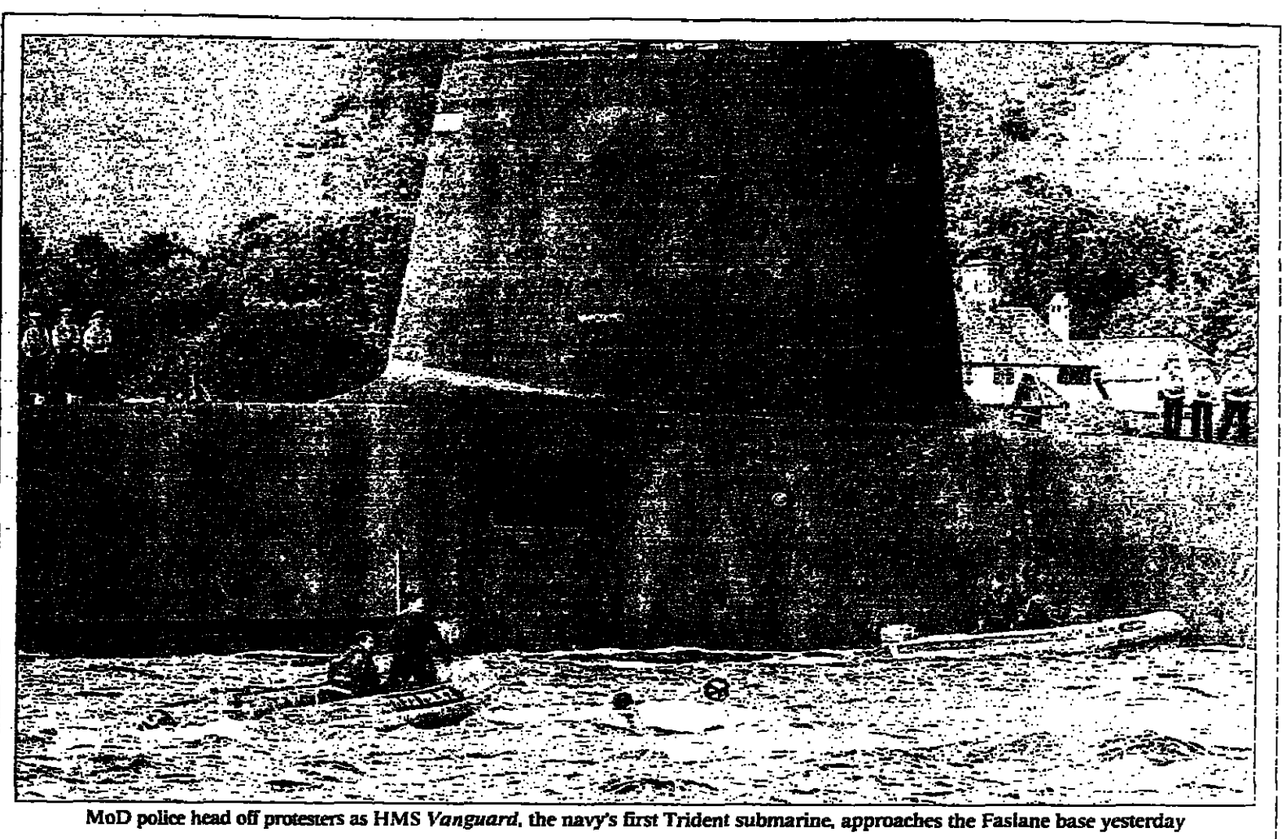
The daughter said yesterday: "I started the action because I thought my mother's circumstances had changed. I do not regret my action."

Her mother said: "The last few months have been hell. We had a surrogacy agreement and all was going fine until my daughter had a change of mond and started proceedings against me. It is a most unusual case, but I had to fight it.

"My daughter had hardly seen the child since she was born. I have done everything for her. I am devoted to her and despite the circumstances of her birth the court accepted I am a good mother.

"The child regards me as her mother although the truth is that I am not. She is only six but is aware of what went on in the past. She wants to stay with me and now she can."

The magistrates ordered that nothing should be published which would identify the girl.



MoD police head off protesters as HMS *Vanguard*, the navy's first Trident submarine, approaches the Faslane base yesterday

Trident arrives to a stormy welcome

ANTI-NUCLEAR protesters in small boats demonstrated as HMS *Vanguard*, the Royal Navy's first Trident submarine, arrived at the Faslane base on the Clyde yesterday (Michael Evans writes).

Protesters tried to block the submarine as it approached the base. The Rev Ian Ainslie, who was in a canoe, was arrested by Ministry of Defence police escorting the submarine.

HMS *Vanguard*, built by the VSEL shipyard at Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, is due to go on its first patrol late next year or early in 1995, and is undergoing acceptance trials with the navy before being formally handed over.

The Faslane base has undergone extensive redevelopment to accommodate the Trident submarines, which are replacing the smaller Polaris boats.

Demonstrators also tried to disrupt the launching ceremony of HMS *Vanguard* in March last year.



The Rev Ian Ainslie is arrested by police in the shadow of *Vanguard*

Market town goes hi-tech to halt border reivers

By Paul Wilkinson

THE leaders of England's most northerly town have turned to video technology to deliver themselves from the excesses of invading hordes.

Berwick-upon-Tweed in Northumberland, which has historically been the target of armies from both sides of the border between England and Scotland, is fed up with present-day invaders who arrive with beer glasses in hand.

The quiet market town of 12,000 people has decided to install surveillance cameras in an attempt to curb rowdiness by late-night drunks who smash shop windows and scare pensioners into staying behind drawn curtains.

Berwick is the latest small town to use monitor cameras. "It's not that we have a major crime problem like the inner cities, but crime is relative," said Peter Hardman, Berwick's mayor, who inaugurated the system. "Everywhere has some form of trouble, even the most idyllic of locations such as Berwick. People don't want to feel threatened when they go out at night and shopkeepers don't want to worry about their premises after they lock up."

In the holiday season, the area's population can reach 100,000. "There can be a great deal of people milling around in the town centre in the early hours and not all of them are sober," said Doreen Davidson, chairman of Berwick's chamber of trade, which has paid part of the £45,000 cost of three cameras and a monitoring unit at the local police station. "We regard it as money well spent."

Berwick has been encouraged by initial results from a similar project at Hexham in Northumberland where cameras are credited with bringing a 19 per cent drop in crime in their first six months.

Northumbria police are keen to see the cameras in as many towns as possible. "Where cameras have been introduced, crime has fallen and not all of it has simply moved elsewhere," a spokesman said.

GMTV aims to curb news in search of audience

By Alexandra Frean
Media Correspondent

GMTV, the struggling breakfast television station which lost £10 million in its first six months, is heading for a confrontation with the Independent Television Commission over the amount of news and current affairs programming it screens.

The station, which has faced unexpectedly tough opposition from Channel 4's *The Big Breakfast* since it took over the ITV breakfast franchise from TV-am in January, has approached the ITC, which regulates independent television companies, to explore the possibility of decreasing the quota of news required by its licence. It believes a reduction would give the programme a softer edge and increase its scope for making other changes to its format after a revamp later this month.

The ITC, which in July criticised GMTV for being too entertainment-led and for not providing enough news, is unlikely to look favourably on the request. Although GMTV has increased its news coverage, the ITC is believed to be concerned about the amount of time the station is devoting to other programme areas.

A spokeswoman for the ITC said: "They will have to put forward a strong case for changing the licence, based on viewers' preferences. The onus is very much on them to convince us that the changes are justified."

Although GMTV regularly beats the BBC's *Breakfast News* in the ratings war, it has lost younger viewers to *The Big Breakfast*, particularly during the school holidays. According to figures published by the Broadcast Audience Research Board for the week ending August 22, GMTV had an audience of 1.4 million, compared to 1.1 million for BBC1 and 1.5 million for Channel 4.

Police find £20m Old Master in Belgium

By Lin Jenkins

PAINTINGS including a Vermeer worth up to £20 million which were stolen in Ireland seven years ago have been found in Belgium. Police officers flew from Dublin yesterday to interview three men, all believed to be Irish.

An expert from Dublin's National Gallery will fly out soon to authenticate the paintings, which were stolen from Russborough House, Blessington, co. Wicklow, the home of Sir Alfred Beit, 90, whose father made the family fortune in diamonds in South Africa. Sir Alfred had given the paintings to the Irish nation.

At the time of the robbery there was speculation that terrorists were responsible. In 1974, an IRA unit seized 19 paintings from the house but they were later recovered.

One of the paintings found in Belgium is believed to be Vermeer's *Letter Writer*, valued at up to £20 million.

A total of 17 paintings by artists including Goya, Gainsborough, Velazquez and Metsu were taken in the raid. Six of them were found shortly afterwards, one in Turkey in 1990, a Gainsborough in London the next year, and two turned up in London earlier this year.

Lady Beit said yesterday: "I am so overjoyed." Her husband's reaction was one of "tremendous excitement".

Womb surgery girl needs an operation

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Services Correspondent

MICHELA Tomatis, who underwent pioneering surgery to correct a heart defect while still in her mother's womb, may need repeated operations throughout her life, doctors said yesterday.

Michela, aged two and a half, from Moretta in northern Italy, was operated on before she was born by a team at Guy's Hospital in London, the only centre performing foetal heart surgery. She was suffering from a blocked valve in the main artery pumping blood around her body.

Michela has already had two further operations to ensure the valve remains open, performed soon after she was born, but without the treatment she would have died at birth. She is the first heart patient to survive surgery in the womb.

Professor Michael Tynan, consultant cardiologist at Guy's, who announced the British team's success this week, said Michela's grandparents had given permission for her to be identified. "She is very well. Her parents took her to her cardiologist in Italy for a check-up because they were going on holiday to Sardinia and he gave her the all-clear."

Professor Tynan said further surgery would eventually be required to replace the faulty valve with one taken from her pulmonary artery (supplying her lungs). That would be replaced by a transplant from a cadaver. "We hope surgery can be postponed until her teens when she is close to fully grown. Otherwise, she will need another operation just because of her growth."

Even then, Michela's ordeal may not be over. "She may need repeated heart operations throughout her life," Professor Tynan said. "But we hope we can cut down the number by using the donor valve where it is under less pressure and may last longer."



Michela: only survivor of surgery in womb

Top oyster openers shuck shells in style

By Robin Young

BLOOD sports do not usually conjure up the art of oyster shucking. But many competitors at the British oyster opening championship in London yesterday finished bathed in sweat and steeped in gore.

The winner was Armando Lema, of Green's Restaurant and Oyster Bar in St James's, central London, who opened an impeccable plate of 30 Irish natives in 3 minutes 28 seconds at Cafe Fish in Piccadilly. Mr Lema also won the contest in 1989, 1990 and 1991, but was abroad last year.

Last year's winner, Sam Tamsanguan, from Wiltons Restaurant, round the corner from Green's, was second in 4 minutes 1 second.

Shucking techniques vary wildly, but neither Mr Lema nor Mr Tamsanguan uses gloves, towels or other protective devices.

Mr Tamsanguan revealed the secret of his speed: "I am not afraid of cutting myself."

Speed, however, was not all and the opened plates of oysters were inspected for damage, untidiness, bits of broken shell and blood.

Mr Lema will now go forward to represent Britain in international championships in Galway, Ireland, later this month.

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Vintners cry out for a good whine

By Robin Young

PATRONISING wine merchants inhibit customers from complaining when they are sold bottles which are out of condition, according to a new edition of the *Which? Wine Guide*, published by the Consumers' Association today.

The book's editors, Christine Austin and Rosemary George, say many people are reluctant to complain about wines that are oxidised or corked in case they are made to look foolish.

Wine that tastes "off" is no different from any other unsatisfactory product, they say. It should be returned and replaced, or the cost refunded.

The editors estimate that as many as one in 12 corks could be faulty, but say many merchants "take a patronising attitude to their customers' complaints, putting most of them down to 'not liking the wine'." They write that some merchants "do not seem to aware of the great many bottles on sale which are faulty through problems with corks".

The independent wine merchants Peter Green of Edinburgh told the book's editors: "Like every wine seller in the UK, we get far too few wines back. It bothers us, because bottles are easy to replace but customers are not." Harrods, by contrast, said that their staff were advised to "taste the bottle and inform the customer whether it is faulty or not", apparently implying that customers could not be expected to know.

The editors found that in dealing with genuine complaints, the leading supermarkets and off-licence chains refunded or replaced immediately, but one mail order company took "several reminders and nearly eight months to come through with a refund".

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British Association: clues to disease and delinquency, hi-tech plumbing and melodic finches

Clinical trials to start on malaria drug

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A NEW drug against malaria, a disease that kills two million people a year, is expected to go into clinical trials within the next three years.

Professor Robert Hider, of King's College London, yesterday told the annual conference of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, held at Keele University, that a class of drugs called pyridinones had been shown to kill the malaria parasite in rats.

The compounds, developed by Professor Hider and his team, work by mopping up iron atoms.

Iron is an important element in many processes in the body, and is a component of a vital enzyme involved in production of the genetic material DNA.

It has been discovered that the malaria parasite, which is injected into the blood stream by mosquitoes, is particularly sensitive to a shortage of iron. Professor Hider said that this was probably because the parasite had evolved to live in cells that were rich in iron.

The hope is that a patient who was infected with the parasite would be able to kill it by taking a course of the drug by mouth. Because of the parasite's sensitivity to being deprived of iron, it would succumb at doses that were too small to do any damage to the patient's organs. However, the dose levels would have to be precisely calculated, Professor Hider said.

"This is a different approach to malaria therapy," he said. "In animal experiments, it has been shown to be effective against all varieties of the malaria parasite, and it may also work against other parasitic diseases."

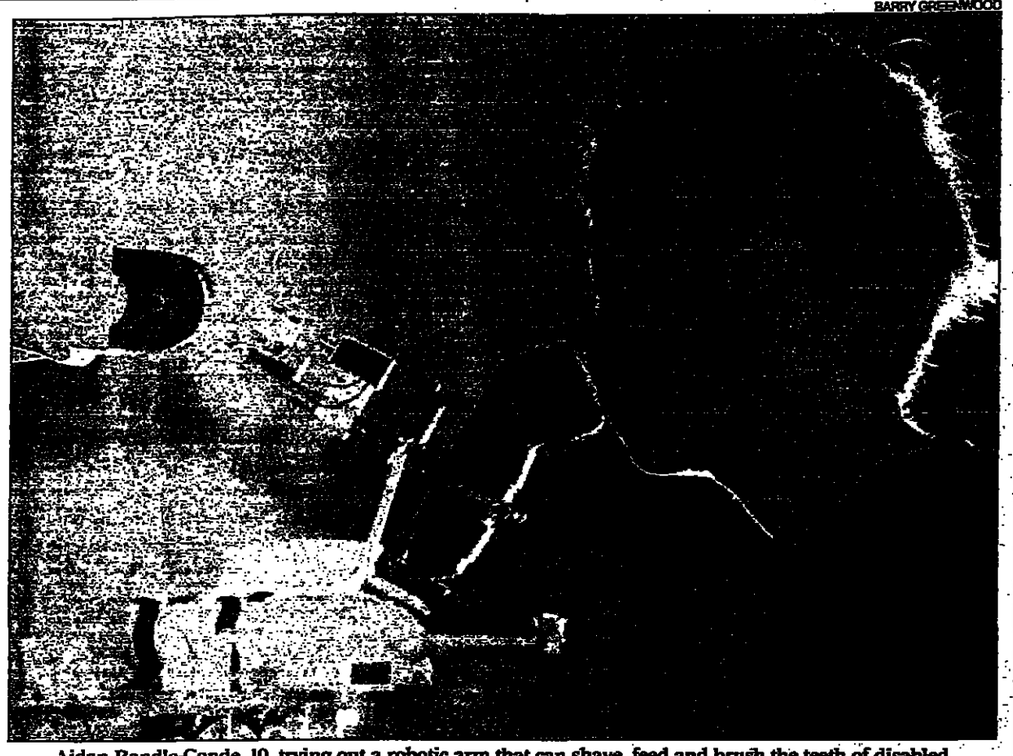
Malaria has developed resistance to existing drugs, and in some parts of the world has become hard to control. In Thailand and Kenya, some strains of malaria are virtually without effective treatment. A few British travellers die each year after having contracted drug-resistant forms of malaria abroad.

The new drug may also be effective in treating Parkinson's disease.

Post-mortem examinations of patients suffering from Parkinson's have shown that they had a higher than normal level of iron in the brain, so the theory is that removing the iron might slow the progress of the disease.

In rats with brain damage comparable to Parkinson's disease, the drug has produced quite encouraging results; however, there are no plans for human trials of the new treatment.

BARRY GREENWOOD



Aidan Randle-Conde, 10, trying out a robotic arm that can shave, feed and brush the teeth of disabled people. The device is part of a public display at the British Association conference at Keele University

Pecking order puts caged birds on song

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

HUMANS can teach birds to sing with taped song, but only if the birds control the recorder, the British Association was told yesterday.

Professor Peter Slater, of the school of biological and medical sciences at St Andrews University, is among scientists who have been trying to unravel the mysteries of how songbirds learn to sing the way they do. Without a matchless melodic repertoire, some species may be unable to attract a mate.

Professor Slater told the meeting that as an experiment two zebra finches, a popular cage bird from Australia, had been put in separate cages.

One finch had an illuminated switch which it could be taught to press with its beak and which triggered 15 seconds of song from a male adult zebra finch. The other bird could only hear the recording, not control it.

"What you find is that the bird that controls the input, the tape, learns whereas the other bird tends not to," Professor Slater said. "So having control seems to be an important factor in whether a young bird learns. Interaction, whether with a tape or with another adult male, is really vital."

Professor Slater, who was speaking during a session on the influence of social interactions and the environment on humans and animals, said after the birds had pecked the key, they flew to the other end of the cage and jumped up and down. "They obviously enjoy it."

Professor Slater also said there was evidence that modern technology was modifying bird song in Britain. Trimphones, popular a few years ago, had led to starlings and song thrushes in some cities developing a pattern of sounds mimicking the phone, a phenomenon he called the Buzby effect.

More recently there was evidence that the growing number of car alarms, which tend to be set off regularly in some built-up areas, were modifying the songs of starlings.

Waldegrave funds week of science

BY NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

A NATIONAL week of science backed by a government grant of £265,000 was announced yesterday by William Waldegrave, the science minister. The week of events, to be held throughout Britain in March, will be organised by the British Association.

Mr Waldegrave's announcement marks a new commitment by the government to the public understanding of science. Commenting on an article by Simon Jenkins in Tuesday's edition of *The Times*, Mr Waldegrave said he did not believe that it was sensible to leave the supply of scientific manpower to short-term market forces.

He said: "I have a gut feeling that a society that is vibrant in the arts is also vibrant in science. A society that loses that breadth of creativity will lose both its arts and its sciences together. So a healthy attitude to science is an indicator of the health of a society."



Waldegrave: announced backing of £265,000

Stealing a march on crime

BY NIGEL HAWKES

BRITAIN needs a service dedicated to identifying children with physical, emotional and educational problems that may lead to delinquency and crime, according to a psychologist.

Finding problem children and treating them before it was too late should have a higher priority than the present preoccupation with child sex abuse or teenage delinquency, Professor Fred Stone, emeritus professor of psychology at Glasgow University, told the British Association conference.

Danger signals were infants who, despite being healthy, failed to thrive; toddlers who were indiscriminately friendly, hyperactive, accident prone and resistant to toilet training; young schoolchildren who were easily distracted, not interested in play and isolated; those aged six to eight with learning problems, who were unpopular and may steal; and adolescents who were out of parental control.

Those likely to suffer long-term effects were clearly identifiable by trained people by the time they began school, Professor Stone said. At this stage, intervention could succeed.

☐ Schizophrenia could be caused by mothers catching influenza during pregnancy.

Four studies in England have shown that exposure to flu in the fifth and sixth months of pregnancy increases the risk that the baby will develop schizophrenia, Dr Robin Murray of the Institute of Psychiatry in London told the conference.

21st-century homes may recycle water

BY OUR TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

EARLY in the next century homes could have sewage works in the basement able to recycle used water and human and household waste into oil for power generation.

The idea has emerged from research by Imperial College London, Sheffield University and North West Water, backed by the Science and Engineering Research Council. John Tyson, of the water company, said the system could more than halve demand for tap water. This could relieve pressure on supplies in some areas where, in recent years, rivers and underwater aquifers have run dry and hosepipes have been banned.

The mini-sewage works could also be exported to developing countries, Mr Tyson told the British Association for the Advancement of Science at Keele University. By 2000, half the world's population will live in cities, which are often unable to cope with waste and drainage.

The device being developed is a box containing electronics, separation technologies and water processing systems. Mr Tyson said that waste water would go in the box and there would be three outputs: "methane gas which you could burn to generate electricity or collect; reusable water which could be recycled for toilet flushing or the garden; and, by heat treatment of the solid waste, you could produce fuel oil".



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Family expenditure survey

Bargain hunters try to spend way out of slump

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

PEOPLE have taken advantage of price cuts and sales in the High Street to try to spend their way out of recession, according to a government survey published today.

In spite of warnings about economic difficulties, the growth in spending last year outstripped rises in income for the first time in three years.

The average household income rose from £338 to £343 a week (1.4 per cent after inflation) while average spending increased from £257 to £272 a week (2.3 per cent after inflation).

The biggest slices of weekly expenditure went on food, £47.70, and housing, £47.40 — 35 per cent of all expenditure. However, the proportion spent on food continued an historic, long-term fall from 34 per cent of weekly spending in 1957 to 18 per cent last year. Spending on housing doubled from 9 per cent of weekly expenditure in 1957 to 18 per cent last year.

Family Spending, an annual survey of 7,000 households, highlights the larger share of income from private investments and pensions. The trend is likely to accelerate as more people benefit from occupational pension schemes and the inheritance of property, providing capital in middle age.

On average, 65 per cent of a household's weekly income last year came from wages and salaries, compared with 70.5 per cent in 1982 and 78 per cent 20 years ago. Investment income rose from 3.1 per cent in 1972 to 6.1 per cent in 1992 and income from pensions and annuities from 2.4 to 5.7 per cent.

The encouragement given to self-employment was reflected in the rise from 6.2 per cent of income in 1972 to 8.6 per cent last year. The figure for 1991 was 8.2 per cent.

The impact of high unemployment and the greying of Britain was reflected in social security benefits accounting for 13.1 per cent of average income in 1992. Twenty years earlier, the level was 9.4 per cent.

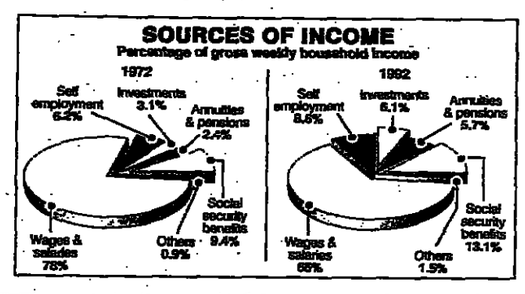
The top 20 per cent of households received an income of £786 a week, ten times greater than the poorest 20 per cent, who survived on £73. Average weekly income ranged from £266 in Northern Ireland to £407 in the South East and average weekly expenditure from £236 in the North to £320 in the South East.

The 20 per cent of households that received the most income spent £165.30 per person per week, more than twice as much as the poorest 20 per cent, which spent £62.50 per person.

A family of a man, woman and two children spent, on average, £372 a week. One in three of those families had two cars. But the average of all households spent £272 a week.

The survey found that the professional classes appeared to have taken seriously the health warnings about tobacco, but were less concerned about the consequences of alcohol. The professional classes spent less than any other class on tobacco, but more on alcohol. Single men lived up to the stereotype of enjoying their drink and cars, spending on average four times as much as single women a week on alcohol (£10.80) and over twice as much on motoring (£21.10).

☐ *Family Spending*. A report on the 1992 Family Expenditure Survey (Central Statistical Office; £24)





Parish wardens Hilary Havard and Margaret Fitness yesterday after collecting their identity cards

Parish wardens start crime patrols

BY A STAFF REPORTER

WEST Mercia police launched Britain's first parish warden scheme yesterday in an attempt to halt the increase in rural crime.

The unpaid volunteers will not wear uniforms and will have no special powers above those of ordinary citizens. But the force, which covers England's largest inland police area, hopes its first three wardens — and others to be appointed shortly — will have a significant impact.

Stanley Parrett, a grandfather and retired clergyman, Hilary Havard, a farmer's wife, and Margaret Fitness, a former publican, yesterday collected their special identification cards which they will carry while they patrol their Hereford and Worcester villages, Pembridge, Weobley and Eardisley.

The wardens will work closely with local beat officers, neighbourhood watch groups and parish councils. Mrs Fitness said: "We can provide reassurance and understanding."

Bookish East Anglians bask in the glow of beauty care

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

EAST Anglians are the bookworms of the country, spending more each week on books, magazines and newspapers than households in any other region.

They also emerge as the biggest spenders on hair and beauty treatments, domestic help, pets and women's underwear.

Northern Ireland's devotion to staple fare is highlighted by its residents' high spending on bread, beef, veal and poultry, while those in the North of England and Wales spend the most on beer and cider.

The average spent on books, newspapers and periodicals in East Anglia was £4.56 a week in 1992 compared with the lowest average figure of £3.36 a week in the North of England.

Households in East Anglia spend an average of £2.04 a week on hair and beauty treatments, compared with £1.16 in the North. On average, they spend £5.22 a week on domestic help compared with 58p in the North.

On average, households in East Anglia spend £4.16 a week on their pets, the South East of England £2.21 and the North £1.61. They spend £1.57 a week on women's underwear and hosiery compared with 81p a week in the West Midlands, the lowest average.

Average weekly spending per household on bread was £3.42. In Northern Ireland it was £1.67 in Greater London, where households spent about the same amount on beef and veal, compared with the highest figure of £3.25 in Northern Ireland. In the South West of England, the average was £1.52.

Households in the North of England spent an average of £8.84 a week on beer and cider, compared with the lowest, £4.07 a week, in Northern Ireland. Households in the South East of England spent the highest amount on wines and spirits — £4.40 a week, compared with £2.33 in the West Midlands.

Expenditure on tobacco was highest in Scotland at £7.40 a week and least in the South East of England at £4.50.

Viewers tune into video age

BY OUR HOME CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S love affair with consumer goods continued unabated last year with ownership levels rising anew.

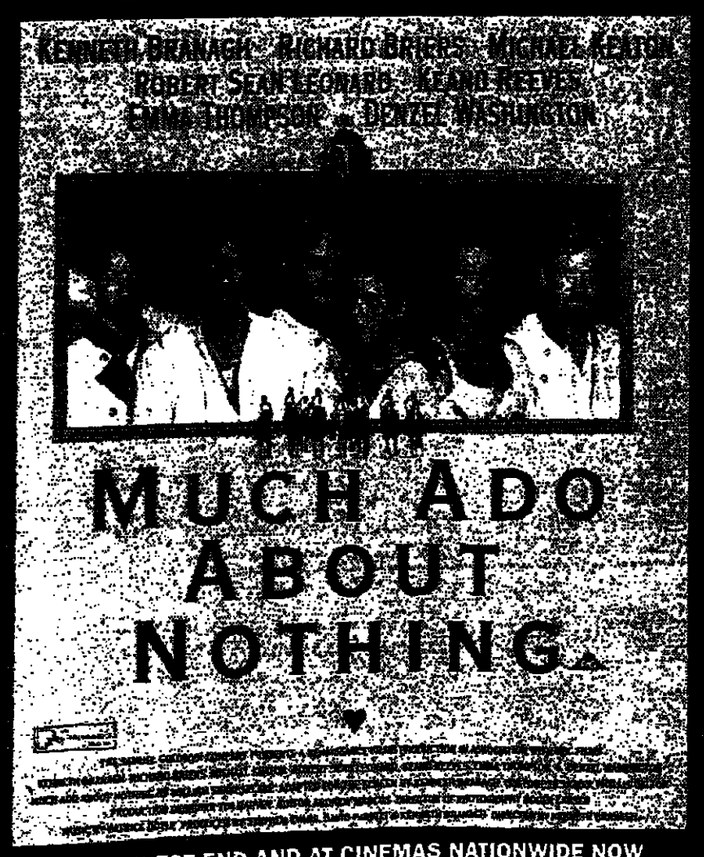
The biggest year-on-year increase was in ownership of video recorders; almost 70 per cent of households now own one, compared with 30 per cent seven years ago. Highlighting changes under way in the television industry, the second biggest increase was in ownership of cable or satellite equipment. Almost one in ten households now has a dish or is connected to a cable system.

Recessionary times appear to have had some effect on expensive items and the number of households with cars fell from 67.8 per cent to 67.6 per cent. The percentage of people with second homes fell from 3.4 to 3.3 per cent.

Refrigerators and televisions remain the most universal appliances with about 99 per cent of households owning them. Almost 30 years ago, only one in three homes had a fridge.

Almost 90 per cent of households have a telephone, compared with 42 per cent in 1972. The percentage of households with central heating has increased from 37 to 82 per cent in 20 years.

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Prison officers fear armed attacks from both sides of sectarian divide

Protestants tell of shame at Loyalist killing spree

BY A STAFF REPORTER



Jim Peacock, pictured with his wife Sandra and their grandchild, was murdered in front of his family

THERE was shame and anger in Northern Ireland's Protestant community yesterday after the murder of James Peacock, a prison officer shot in front of his family. He was chosen by a Loyalist death squad because he was an easy target.

Hooded Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF) gunmen sledgehammered their way into his home in the Protestant Old Park area of North Belfast on Wednesday night and shot him in the back.

Mr Peacock, 44, died in the arms of his 13-year-old daughter Penny. His stepson Mark said yesterday: "That wee girl sat holding her father in her arms crying 'Daddy don't go. Daddy don't leave me'. She is never going to be the same again."

He said the Peacock children were ashamed to be Protestants because it was so-called Loyalists who had killed their father. "They are sick. They killed a man for doing his job."

Mr Peacock was the third victim of Loyalist gunmen to die in as many days. He was only the second member of the prison service to be killed by Loyalists. The first murder was almost 13 years ago. The IRA murdered 27 prison staff between 1974 and 1989.

Mr Peacock had been on sick leave for six months after an assault in Crumlin Road jail, Belfast.

John Hall, the deputy secretary of the Prison Officers' Association, said terrorists on both sides did not seem to accept that prison officers did not make policy. "There are people who think that killing a prison officer will change policy. It is not made by prison officers, it is made by the Northern Ireland Office and ministers of the crown."

Shots were also fired through the bedroom window of another officer's home in Antrim and two more had their cars set on fire outside their homes earlier this week.

The killing followed growing conflict within Loyalist wings of the top-security Maze prison in recent weeks. Ulster Defence Association and UVF inmates were separated in a bid to calm tensions.

Last Friday, ten prison officers and three UVF prisoners were injured in clashes which started after a prisoner was granted compassionate parole to visit his sick mother, but was sent back to his cell when the authorities were told she had died. A few hours later, the UVF outside the jail threatened to take action.

Loyalists have killed 22 of the 43 victims of sectarian violence this year.

Sir John Wheeler, the Northern Ireland security minister, promised that they would be "hunted down remorselessly". Ken Maginnis, MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone and security spokesman for the Ulster Unionist party, said Loyalist terrorism was now the "mirror image of the IRA". Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist party leader, described the shooting as gruesome and heinous.

The first victim of the week of violence was buried in Belfast yesterday. Marie Teresa Dowds de Mogollon, a Roman Catholic, was shot on Monday night in her North Belfast home in front of her children. The Ulster Freedom Fighters claimed responsibility and apologised. They said her Peruvian husband had been the target.

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Prices sliced for British pork

BRITISH pork provides excellent value this weekend. Safeway's boneless pork chops are £2.08 a lb, a saving of 50p. Waitrose's pork shoulder joint, also down 50p, is £1.49 a lb. Gateway's pork shoulder roast is 99p a lb.

Co-op's smoked bacon rashers are £1.39 a lb, Tesco's unsmoked middle bacon is £1.35 a lb and Waitrose's unsmoked streaky bacon is £1.49 a lb. At Co-op, kipper fillets are £1.09 a lb, and pink salmon 69p for 213g. Tesco has gutted trout at £1.88 a lb.

English Katy apples are 28p a lb at Sainsbury.

WEEKEND SHOPPING

This week's advertised best buys:

Asda: pork shaslick kebabs, £1.49 a pack; roast chickens, £1.24 a lb; green seedless grapes, 75p a lb; English red dessert apples, 69p for 2lb.

Co-op: chicken drumsticks, £1.69 for 1lb 10oz; kipper fillets, £1.09 a lb.

Gateway: beef rump steak, £3.25 a lb; stuffed chickens, 99p a lb; lemons, 15p each.

Iceland: peppered steaks, £1.79 for two; chicken breasts, £4.99 for 4lb; broccoli florets, £1.49 for 2lb.

Marks & Spencer: barbecued turkey joint, £3.49 a lb; lamb chops, £3.99 a lb; smoked salmon, £3.49 for 4oz.

Safeway: cooked ham, 54p a ¼lb; cauliflowers, 49p each; white grapes, 69p a lb.

Sainsbury: lamb loin steaks, £2.88 a lb; chicken breasts, £3.68 a lb; round lettuce, 17p.

Tesco: shoulder of lamb, £1.19 a lb; unsmoked middle bacon, £1.35 a lb; broccoli, 69p for 450g.

Waitrose: chicken, 99p a lb; sweetcorn, 25p each.

BBC flies flag for Blue Peter

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

BLUE Peter, the television programme that coloured a generation's childhood and gave life to discarded washing-up bottles, is to celebrate its 35th anniversary next month with a retrospective season on BBC2.

John Noakes, the programme's presenter for whom no challenge was too great — from sky diving to training incontinent elephants — has been coaxed out of retirement in Majorca to record a rare interview.

BBC2 will also show a 40-minute documentary on October 17, which follows the programme from its humble beginnings in 1958 as a weekly 15-minute show about model trains and dolls to its position today as the BBC's twice-weekly stalwart of children's television. The station will be screening excerpts from the *Blue Peter* archives over the weekend of October 16 and 17.

The *Blue Peter* retrospective is part of the autumn schedule launched by BBC Children's Television. Anna Home, head of children's programming, said that the corporation would be increasing its children's output by scheduling programmes on Sunday morning, in an attempt to extend choice and meet the increased competition from new satellite channels aimed exclusively at younger audiences.

The schedule includes a new series of the award-winning production of *The Borrowers*.

Diary, page 16

Woman's wheelchair suicide

A yachtswoman terminally ill with breast cancer drove her electric wheelchair off a quayside into the sea near her home at Hamble, Hampshire.

A verdict of suicide on Diana Campbell, 60, was recorded at an inquest at Winchester yesterday. She died on April 9.

A niece of the explorer Cecil Rhodes, she suffered from arthritis and had dedicated her life to making sailing accessible to disabled people.

Killing charge

Sharon Dalson, 24, of Stoke Newington, north London, accused of killing her son Jason, 6, and daughter Natalie, 5, was sent for trial by Highbury Corner magistrates.

Prisoner dies

Jacqueline Crane, 44, of Gosport, Hampshire, was found dead with a ligature round her neck in Holloway jail after being accused of killing her partner.

Second arrest

A second man, 23, has been arrested in connection with the murder of Sharon Pritchard, 21, at Croeserw, West Glamorgan.

Fatal climb

Damien Hogget, 26, of Ilkley, West Yorkshire, died in a Geneva hospital after being injured by falling ice while climbing Mont Blanc.

Driver charged

Sergeant Steve Hulland has been charged with causing death by dangerous driving after a police car crashed at Newbury, Berkshire.

Fast escape

A car thief escaped from a young offenders' institution at Barnard Castle, co. Durham, by stealing a warder's car.

Bonds jackpot

This month's £250,000 Premium Bond jackpot winner is 29WP 797395. The holder lives in Surrey.

Children's guardian challenges deportation

BY SOPHIE MOELLER

THE Home Office will be accused today of contempt of court over its attempt to deport a Sikh woman who is the guardian of her sister and five brothers.

Lawyers acting for the 21-year-old woman claim that, if ministers persist with the deportation, they will be in breach of a 1991 court order that also made the children, aged 4 to 16, wards of court.

Richard Bullock, solicitor for the woman, who is from Nottingham, will argue at an immigration hearing in Birmingham that her deportation would be an interference in the care and control of the children.

Mr Bullock said: "One of our main arguments is that the Home Office is in contempt of the court order."

The woman became legal guardian to her brothers and sister when their father was deported to India in 1991. Their mother, who went into hiding to avoid being removed from England with her husband, was deported last year. The family arrived in Britain in 1984 and claimed that they were unable to return to India after their home in Assam was destroyed in rioting following the assassination of Indira Gandhi. Grounds that they had a well founded fear of persecution if they returned to India were rejected.

Usha Sood, a barrister who represented the daughter during wardship proceedings, said: "This looks like a vendetta against the family, a determined campaign to get them out of England."

She said that she believed it had been the Home Office's intention to force the whole family out of the country. "They think that if the guardian goes, the children will automatically follow."

The family survives on state benefits, including income support. A housing association has allowed it to live rent free since the parents were deported.

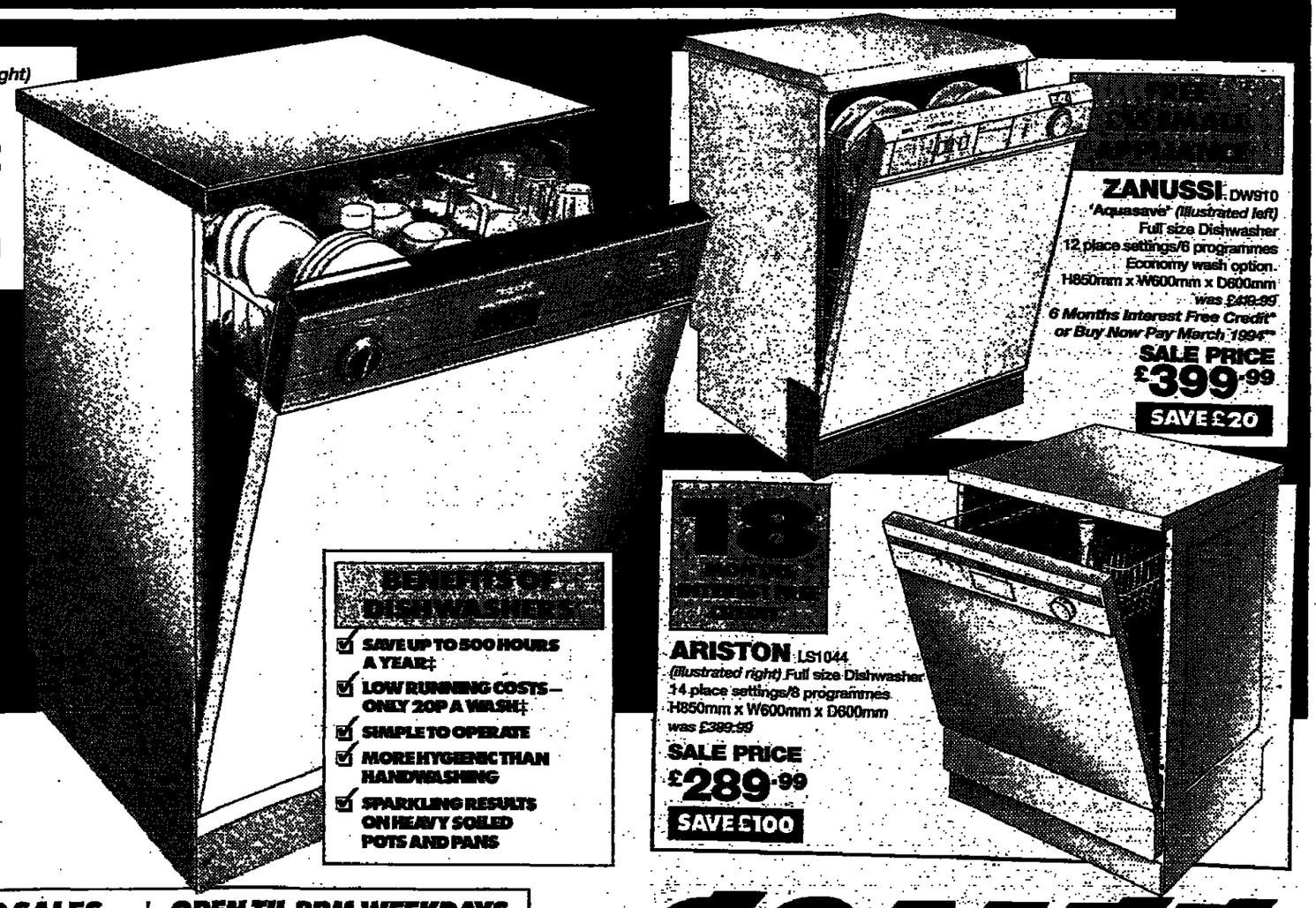
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'I can lose some games but I can hardly imagine I will lose the match'

Kasparov scorns claim of KGB link

CHRIS HARRIS



Garry Kasparov at yesterday's press conference, where he dismissed allegations by Nigel Short, his championship rival, that he had collaborated with the Soviet authorities

BY IAN MURRAY

A CONFIDENT Garry Kasparov poured scorn on Nigel Short yesterday for calling him a communist with KGB links, and served notice that "the English boy" stood no chance of winning *The Times* World Chess Championship, which starts next Tuesday.

Kasparov, who styles himself the "best player on the planet" said during a press conference at The Savoy Hotel in London that he had a few weaknesses, but they did not include collaboration with the former Soviet authorities — as Short has alleged.

"I have met some KGB in my life," he said. "But I don't think anybody can take seriously the accusations from the English boy who never lived through what I and my compatriots lived through and who never had the 'privilege' of talking to party officials. My conscience is clear. I did nothing to hurt other people."

He said he had come under pressure from top officials before his match for the world title against Anatoly Karpov in 1985. "I had to go through some very unpleasant experiences. The top officials didn't want me to beat Karpov because he was a symbol of the system. My 'loyal' statements at the age of 19 and 20 have to be seen in that context. They were worried I would do something dramatic if I won the title — and I did."

He dismissed Short's allegations as "a psychological drag ... he needs to invent reasons to hate me. I didn't say anything that could make him angry and I assume it is a kind of pre-war preparation. It's his problem and I don't think I need to respond."

To Short's claim that there were weaknesses in his play, he replied: "I have weaknesses, perhaps more than anybody thinks. But perhaps it is true that he has even more weaknesses ... Anything can happen. It is a long match. Everybody has ups and downs. I can imagine I can lose some games but I can hardly imagine I will lose the whole match."

He said he was "definitely very nervous — because it is a big match. I don't expect it will be a walk. Excitement? Mainly it is very hard work.

"My physical and psychological state is not worse than my opponent's, and if he is really fit then it will be fighting chess."

He was dismissive about the rival world championship being staged by Fide — the game's world governing body. It was a question of recognition, he said, and there was no doubt that the best players would be ready to compete for the championship being organised by the breakaway Professional Chess Association, which he and Short founded.

Perfect mates, page 15

Tension builds as players draw their battle lines

*It takes more than prowess at chess to be champion: **Tony Buzan** assesses the contenders' strengths and weaknesses*

A few seconds after 3pm on Tuesday, September 7, at the Savoy Theatre, London, the first move will be made in *The Times* World Chess Championship between Garry Kasparov, the reigning champion, and his British challenger Nigel Short.

As the minutes tick away before that first move, the players will be preparing in quiet rooms with their trainers, where for an hour or so they will limber up mentally and physically. They will be taken by limousine to the theatre.

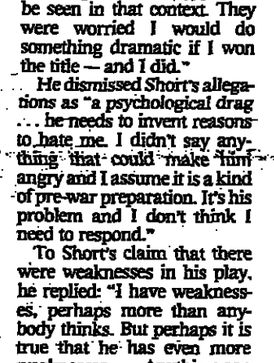
As the players walk on to the stage, which will have a single table, two facing chairs and an exquisite chess board and set designed for the contest, a silence will fall on the theatre.At this stage, the players' minds will have become spectacularly focused. All other considerations, including personal situations and public pressure, will be receding. For the next two months they will concentrate on the pieces and the board.

For the first few moves, the game will be equal, but as it and the tournament progress, the qualities of the champions will be tested to the limit. We may, as in other sports, see psychological warfare expressed in aggressive moves of the pieces, in dominant posturing, in emphatic punching of the chess time-clocks and in going for the mental jugular by attacking the opponent's strengths instead of his weakness.

There is no doubt that Kasparov possesses the psychological profile of a champion. Despite his distaste for losing, he is courageous enough to take risks, to explore creative variations and to learn from his mistakes. He is renowned for his phenomenal memory, sharp analysis and an extraordinary imagination. He exudes self-confidence, which his opponents see as his biggest weakness: he may fall into the trap of thinking he is invincible.

Yet Kasparov's energy and persistence are extraordinary, as demonstrated in his first world championship match against Karpov, when he came back from five games down.

To succeed continually at this level, Kasparov is superbly fit. He runs, plays



Karpov: lost to both Short and Kasparov

football, cycles and swims. As an increasing number of mental athletes are beginning to realise, the ten billion "little grey cells" function much more adequately, and over a much longer time, if they are supplied with a fresh supply of oxygen.

However, Nigel Short is a far more dangerous opponent than many realise.

As a boy, Short became captivated by chess and was beating champions by the age of 12. His ambition was to become British and world champion, and with relative ease he has achieved the first and is in a position to accomplish the second. In the process, he has become by far the highest-rated British chess player in the history of the game, has risen to fifth in the world standings and was already ranked, at the age of 23, among the top 60 players of all time.

His ability to learn from mistakes has made him a master at bouncing back from defeats.

He is an acknowledged leader in one-to-one combat, which necessitates an intimate knowledge of his opponent's strengths and weaknesses. He is the only player, other than Kasparov, to have beaten Karpov in this form of competition.

Like Kasparov, he loves taking risks and doing the unorthodox. Their past conflicts have resulted in few draws.

From the psychological profiles, the odds will naturally favour Kasparov. He has a slight edge in most areas, is more experienced and has the psychological boost of being both the undefeated world champion and the world's highest-ever rated player.

Balancing this is Short's brilliance in one-on-one combat, his new focus on physical strength and stamina, and his extraordinary ability to learn from failure.

□ *Tony Buzan is an Olympic coach and specialises in sports psychology. His new book, The Mind Map Book — Radiant Thinking (BBC Books), is published this month.*

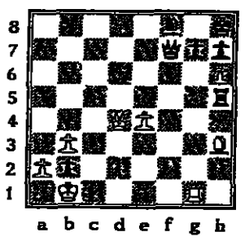
THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

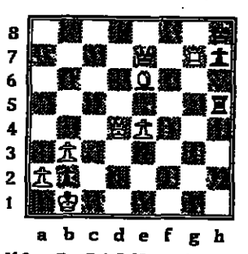
Tactical blows

THIS week's anthology of tactical hammerblows by Nigel Short against an enemy king continues with a ploy that exploits the geometry of the chessboard to bring about a beautiful checkmate. In this finale against an Icelandic grandmaster, one diagram is given for the crisis and one showing the board when Short's opponent resigned, to help those new to chess.

White: Short
Black: Arnason
Reykjavik 1987



1	Be6	Qe7
2	hxg7+	Bxg7
3	Rxg7	Black resigns



If 3 ... Qxg7 4 Qd8+ mates

London Chess Festival

The London Chess Centre is organising two months of chess activities in conjunction with the British Chess Federation and the London Chess Festival to celebrate and run concurrently with *The Times* World Championship match between Nigel Short and Garry Kasparov. Events include coaching, commentaries, lectures to children, blitz tournaments and simultaneous displays. The London Chess Centre is situated at 369 Euston Road, London NW1. For further information ring 071 388 2404.

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Iran masses troops on the frontier with Azerbaijan

By Hazhir Teimourian and Our Foreign Staff

■ Turkey has long been jealous of Iranian influence on Azerbaijan. Any suggestion of military intervention by Tehran is bound to rattle Ankara

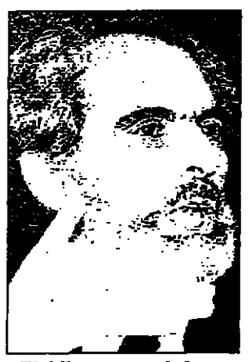
THE massing of Iranian troops on the country's northern border with the former Soviet republic of Azerbaijan caused the Turkish government to go on alert yesterday.

Although it could not be confirmed, some reports from the Azerbaijani capital, Baku, said that the Iranians had already entered the country, which has been in conflict with the neighbouring republic of Armenia for the past two years.

"The continuation of Armenia's occupation [of Azerbaijani territory] and Iran's build-up on the Azeri border are first of all the concern of Turkey," Yildirim Aktuna, the Turkish government spokesman, said. He added that Iran was demanding "to establish a 12-mile security zone in the border area" for Azerbaijani refugees fleeing from an Armenian onslaught. He did not elaborate on the size of the Iranian force, nor on which side of the international border the security zone would be set up. It seems likely, however, that any such zone would be contained within Azerbaijan.

Tass reported yesterday that the commander of the Azerbaijani border guards denied that Iranian troops had crossed the Araks river into Azerbaijani territory and Rafael Guseinov, of the Azerbaijani embassy in Moscow, said that the reports of incursions "did not correspond to reality".

Sources in Tehran said yesterday that "tens of thousands" of troops had been sent to the region, but officially they are only engaged in military exercises.



Elchibey: wanted closer links with Turkey

Traditionally, Azerbaijan has strong links with Iran. The population, which numbers about seven million, adheres to the Shia branch of Islam, the dominant sect in Iran. Since April, when units of the Armenian army cleared a second corridor between Armenia and the Armenian-inhabited enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh inside Azerbaijan, Tehran has been under pressure to intervene on the side of Azerbaijan. More recently, a number of Azerbaijani towns have fallen to the Armenians, causing Tehran to fear an influx of up to 100,000 refugees into northwestern Iran.

Turkey's concern stems from its historic rivlary with Iran for influence in Turkic-speaking Azerbaijan. Until last June, Ankara appeared to be leading the race, since Abulfez Elchibey, the elected president of Azerbaijan, worked for closer relations with Ankara in the hope of receiving Western economic aid. He was expected to sign a big contract with BP to exploit the contry's large oil reserves.

However, a string of military defeats at the hands of the Armenians prompted his downfall in a military coup. His place is now occupied by Heidar Aliyev, a former KGB general and Soviet deputy prime minister, who has turned towards Iran. Voters rejected Mr Elchibey in a referendum earlier this week and the Azerbaijani parliament has set October 3 as teh deadline for presidential elections.

Tass also reported yesterday that Mr Aliyev has called for talks with Armenian separatists in Nagorno-Karabakh. He is reported to have told the parliament that he plans to open negotiations with Armenia, Russia and the separatist Armenian majority in the disputed enclave in an effort to end the five-year conflict. "My decision has been taken and no one can keep me from this path," he told the legislators.

Mr Aliyev hopes that talks on Nagorno-Karabakh will help to stabilise his country which, has suffered two coups in less than two years. The political unrest and accompanying turmoil within the Azerbaijani military has allowed Armenian separatists to reconquer all of the mountainous enclave and push beyond it to create security zones within Azerbaijan which run up to the Iranian border.

The advance of Armenian troops drove thousands of refugees toward the Iranian border, raising tensions there and prompting Russia to warn this week that the conflict had reached "a dangerous and unacceptable limit of internationalisation".

□ **Moscow:** Zviad Gamsakhurdia, the ousted Georgian president, has ordered rebel followers to reinforce the blockade of the Black Sea port of Poti in readiness for his forthcoming return, Tass reported. Rebel units have surrounded the vital port after a decree from their leader to mobilise in western Georgia.

Speaking from the neighbouring republic of Chechnya, where he has led the Georgian opposition since being ousted in January 1992, Mr Gamsakhurdia also told his followers to cease all dialogue with President Shevardnadze.





A replica of the Kaiser Wilhelm I statue destroyed in 1945 is lowered from a ship before being set up in Koblenz

Kaiser's journey to the Rhine twists knife in French wounds

From Roger Boyes in Bonn

KAISER Wilhelm I, founder of the Second German Reich, yesterday returned to his commanding position on the banks of the Rhine and Mosel rivers, in a move that is sure to irritate France.

The original statue in Koblenz was destroyed by American bombardment at the end of the second world war — the kaiser was shot off his horse like an extra in a Western — but it has been copied in a conscious attempt to revive memories of Germany's imperial past. Most controversially, yesterday's ceremony fell on the anniversary of Germany's victory over France atthe battle of Sedan in 1870.

Until 1918 Sedan Day was a national holiday in imperial Germany and a source of lasting humiliation for France. Now, at a time of raw political relations with Paris, Germany has decided to put the kaiser back on his plinth. Dressed in Prussian uniform, he sits plumply on a horse at the confluence of the Rhine and the Mosel and faces down river in the direction of France. It is difficult to imagine a greater snub to Paris.

The place where the two rivers join is known as the Deutsches Eck (the German corner) and it has deep symbolic importance for the Germans. It signifies the coming together of the German tribes, the country's first move towards statehood. In the thirteenth century German Crusaders lived there and Kaiser Wilhelm stayed in Koblenz for some years as a military governor.

The initiative to restore the statue came from Dr Werner Theisen, a local publisher, who offered to put up some of the money. After years of hesitation, the Rhineland-Palatinate government finally allowed the kaiser to return.

For years German historians and politicians have been unsure about restoring the kaiser. The Prussian king and first emperor of a united Germany is regarded by some as a reprehensible warlord and by others as a political reactionary. But the popular mood seems to be swinging back to an acceptance of Prussian virtues rather than repulsion from its militarism.

An Allensbach opinion survey published yesterday showed that 43 per cent of Germans regarded Prussia as having had a positive influence on German history. Only 15 per cent had a negative view of Prussia's contribution. Most of the sceptics were from Bavaria and southern Germany, traditional rivals of Prussia.

The kaiser would have made dismissive comments about the verdict of Rudolf Scharping, leader of the Social Democratic opposition. "It's wrong historically, wrong politically and wrong aesthetically," he said. Yesterday, though, Kaiser Wilhelm, 53 tons of moulded copper standing 46 feet high, seemed impassive to the controversy. Pigeons settled on his helmet.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Kremlin defied as Rutskoi carries on

Moscow: Aleksandr Rutskoi still clung to the vice-presidency and his Kremlin office yesterday despite President Yeltsin's decree suspending him pending the outcome of a corruption enquiry.

Mr Yeltsin's enemies said they would ask the constitutional court to overturn the measure, and the parliamentary Speaker, Ruslan Khasbulatov, said he expected the Supreme Soviet to nullify the decree at its next session. The vice-president was in Vorkuta to meet coal miners who are threatening a one-day strike, but his staff worked in the Kremlin unhindered.

Yesterday, prosecutors ordered two Yeltsin allies, Vladimir Shumeiko, first deputy prime minister, and Mikhail Poltoranin, former director of the federal information centre, to appear in court on corruption charges. *(AFP, AP)*

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Lubbers goal

Brussels: Two newspapers in The Netherlands, *De Telegraaf* and *NRC Handelsblad*, have reported that Ruud Lubbers, the prime minister, will leave Dutch politics next year to concentrate on his efforts to succeed Jacques Delors as European Commission president in 1995.

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Premier jailed

Sofia: Georgui Atanassov, Bulgaria's former Communist prime minister, began a ten-year prison sentence for embezzlement. He is the first former Communist leader to be jailed since Todor Zhivkov's dictatorship collapsed in November 1989. *(AFP)*

Katyn enquiry

Warsaw: The Warsaw prosecutor's office has launched an investigation, independent of Moscow's, into crimes committed at Katyn, where Soviet security police murdered 15,000 Polish officers during the second world war, and may seek extraditions. *(AP)*

Black Sea visit

London: A British frigate, HMS *Avenger*, is on her way to the Black Sea to visit Ukrainian and Russian ports. She is also to visit Constanta in Romania and Varna in Bulgaria in a tour aimed at building contacts. *(Reuter)*

Skim scam

Rome: Forty-one people are being investigated over a fraud in which powdered milk destined for animal feed was liquefied and resold as fresh milk in Naples, Italian state television said. *(Reuter)*

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WORLD OF LEATHER

Germans told to work harder

By Roger Boyes

HELMUT Kohl's government yesterday made a concerted attempt to boost international investor confidence in Germany and to banish the new, creeping image of the country as work-shy and over-regulated. A 96-page report setting out the symptoms of the German malaise and prescribing some bitter pills was presented by Günther Rexrodt, the economics minister, and blessed by the Bonn cabinet.

Contrary to the British notion of Germans as dutiful wage slaves, a series of academic analyses has shown Germany to be very leisure-conscious and poorly adjusted to the new economic challenges from the Far East and America. Herr Kohl himself described Germany as having "the oldest students, the youngest pensioners and the most idle machines".

The new measures include a strict time limit of five years to be imposed on any new subsidies, civil servants being expected to work longer hours and private employers encouraged to introduce flexible working hours. Those drawing unemployment benefit who turn down jobs will face penalties. Privatisation will be speeded up and Lufthansa, the state airline, will be propelled towards privatisation.

The idea behind the measures is to demonstrate Germany's continuing competitiveness and its willingness to tackle long-term structural problems, as well as the pain of recession. Yet the government faces some 19 local, regional, national and European elections next year, and the report is an uneasy compromise. There are promises of more money for research and innovation, but few concrete figures are given. Most of the employment measures strike a middle position between that of the economics ministry, which wants to give entrepreneurs more scope to offer part-time work or lower wages, and the labour ministry which opposes any serious attempt to cut into the social welfare net.

The report therefore reads more as a catalogue of woes than as a beacon for the future. Germany has one of the shortest working weeks in Europe and, with 15 national public holidays, an average of five weeks' leave, and a rich array of vocational courses, often treated as disguised holidays, the country lags well behind in the international pecking order. Effective working time in hours per year, excluding overtime, is calculated by German economists to be 2,350 in the Philippines, 2,007 in Japan, 1,857 in America, 1,660 in Britain, and only 1,519 in Germany.



Rexrodt: prescribing bitter economic pills

Deal or no deal, the Bosnian barometer stays unsettled



Tim Judah in Vares observes the death of a dream as some Bosnian Muslims forget the early pledges of tolerance and begin to succumb to their own brand of fascism

BEFORE the news, Radio Sarajevo lingered on its haunting and melancholy theme tune. It set the tone for the grim bulletins filed on crackly hand radios from distant front lines. Whether a deal is finally signed in Geneva or not, it seems unlikely the radio will have to hunt for anything more lighthearted in the next few years.

From Tuzla in the north to Sarajevo and even to the Serb headquarters of Pale, the talk is gloomy. Even if a deal is struck, few expect it to last. If negotiations drag on, so will the present dismal situation of no real war, except for certain areas, but no peace either.

When Bosnia is formally divided, Europe will have in its midst three statelets, two of them — if not all — being apostles of the closest thing to fascism seen on the continent for 50 years.

Everywhere the signals are black and threatening — and there is worse. A US general once wanted to bomb Vietnam back to the Stone Age. In Bosnia it has already happened. Bosnian television recently showed film of families in Blagaj, close to Mostar, reduced to living in caves.

Some Sarajevans fear that if the Geneva peace talks collapse, rather than falter, Serb forces will attempt an all-out attack to capture more of the city. Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, said yesterday his side would do everything to keep the latest ceasefire, in line with present Serb strategy. The idea is to garner international credit for being seen to keep the peace, foisting blame for the collapse of the talks on the Bosnians. Above all, the Serbs are desperate to have sanctions lifted.

The Bosnian Serbs are committed to giving up a sizable portion of the territory they control. If the Bosnians refuse to agree to a division of the country, the Serbs will keep this land and possibly snatch a little more. Their most likely target is the Maglaj and Teshanj enclave where 130,000 people are cut off. Not a single international agency, including the UN, has managed to visit it for months.

Without a settlement, there is a high risk of the politicians losing what limited control they have over soldiers. This would mean the consolidation of local fiefs, alliances and local wars making any future deal harder to clinch.

That situation is already clearly under way in central Bosnia. In Tuzla, Bosnian army and Croat HVO troops are fighting the Serbs side by side. To the south, the situation is completely different and a prime example of the fragmentation referred to by Lord Owen on Wednesday.

Bosnian forces fighting Croat troops have pushed them back in several parts of central Bosnia and have isolated some pockets. One of them, Vares, has a common front line with the Serbs. Talks between Varez and the Serbs began five months ago and resulted in a local defence pact.

If the Bosnian army attacks Vares, the Serb forces will come to the aid of the Croats. In the meantime, the road across the front line has practically been opened. Four times a week Serb lorries supply the enclave with food and goods and Croat businessmen go to Pale to negotiate.

The logic of what is happening is more twisted than it appears. The HVO from Tuzla visits Vares to buy food and cigarettes. These reach the market in Tuzla. Thus fortified, the Croat and predominantly Muslim Bosnian army do battle with the Serbs who sold them their lunch in the first place. Less than two hours' drive from Vares the situation is again different. While a liberal, tolerant air is retained in Tuzla, the atmosphere in Zenica could hardly be more different. The town was designated the reserve capital of Bosnia if Sarajevo ever fell. Today a wave of terror aimed at the Croats and Serbs who remained there is sweeping the town.

Serbs and Croats do not have the right to leave Zenica, yet the authorities say they will try to flee through Vares. To let them do this, they say, would mean acquiescing in ethnic cleansing encouraged by the propaganda of "fascist Belgrade and fascist Zagreb". Meanwhile, armed gangs rob and beat Croats and Serbs, who believe that the attackers belong to a group known as MOS or the Muslim Armed Forces. European Community monitors in Zenica say there is little proof that these people really are from the Muslim militia that operates under the wing of the army. However, the Zenica music school, where the EC monitors confirm that MOS is keeping prisoners, has become a symbol of fear in the town.

The implications of what is happening in Zenica are immense. Here, unlike Sarajevo and Tuzla, many young Muslim women have taken to wearing headscarves as a sign of Islamic modesty. This, in itself, sends misleading signals. Encouraged by Serb and Croat lobby groups abroad and film of the handful of foreign Mujahidin in Zenica, many Westerners have begun to wonder whether Islamic fundamentalism would blossom in a Bosnian state.

Croat and Serb commentators now talk of Muslim versus Christian forces. Christian forces have created two fascist, one-party, ethnically based states in Bosnia. Sarajevo is a symbol of resistance to this, but much-less-visited Zenica is Sarajevo's antithesis. An unlikely birthplace of a religiously based Bosnian Islamic state, but rather an intolerant Bosnian Muslim fascism mirroring its Serb and Croat counterparts.



Farther south of Zenica battles continue to rage for control of towns such as Gornji Vakuf and Mostar. It is a commonplace that "if the Muslims do not accept a Bosnian rump state now on offer, then the Serbs and Croats will divide everything between them". Easier said than done. Bosnian Serb leaders always said their aim was to corral the Muslims into the Tuzla-Zenica-Sarajevo triangle. It is now crammed with hundreds of thousands of refugees, which on top of its local population means such an area would be impossible to hold. Meanwhile, Croat forces, far from being in a position to take the territory, are losing it to the Bosnian army.

So, the future is bleak. If there is no peace there will be war in some parts, trade in others. If there is a deal there will be hundreds of thousands of refugees unable to go home, sitting in an economically unviable Bosnian rump state increasingly vulnerable to the siren's song of a Muslim fascism to match that of Serbs and Croats.

The Patriotic Leagues were Bosnia's first armed militia and preceded the army. Then they were careful to emphasise that they fought for a state for Muslims, Croats and Serbs. Their new video makes scant reference to the latter. It has clips of mosques and a Muslim funeral. It signals the death — or rather murder — of the Bosnian dream.

Rivals weigh the risks of another long winter of war

■ Now President Milosevic has more or less achieved his vision of a greater Serbia, he is eager that sanctions are lifted on rump Yugoslavia to salvage the economy







President Tudjman of Croatia, left, President Izetbegovic of Bosnia, and Mate Boban, the Bosnian Croat leader, display frustration and anger after the Geneva peace talks collapsed

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN GENEVA AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE breakdown of the talks in Geneva is likely to be just another pause, even if a lengthy one, in the arduous quest for peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Apocalyptic predictions of a extensive re-eription of war are probably misplaced, at least between the Bosnian Serbs and mainly Muslim government forces.

Bosnia's factions are probably nearer to an agreement now than at any time since the war broke out. The battlefields are largely quiet, especially on the Bosnian government-Bosnian Serb frontlines, although fighting continues between government forces and the HVO, the Bosnian Croat army, in southwestern and central Bosnia as each side tries to seize more land.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, signalled a change in the government's tone over Bosnia by accepting reluctantly that the embargo on supplying arms to the Muslims might have to be lifted. "It is a matter of saying to the warring factions: 'Here are the arms. Fight it out.' It's a counsel of despair but it might come to that," he said.

"The question for the three warring factions is whether the difference between them on the map is enough to justify a winter war," he said. Mr Hurd also repeated the threat that air strikes would be introduced if United Nations forces came under further attack or if Serbian forces resumed attacks on Sarajevo.

President Clinton said yesterday the United States would do what it could to restart the stalled talks but warned that a Nato military response "is very much alive". Washington blames Serb and Croat intransigence for the breakdown of the talks and insisted they ceded additional territory to the Bosnian Muslims to secure a settlement.

Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, has sent letters expressing the administration's views to both Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, and Franjo Tudjman, the Croatian president. Officials said the administration supported the Muslims' demands for a corridor to the sea, more territory around Bihac, in the northeast, and a corridor linking Bihac and the main Muslim enclave.

The peace talks collapsed on Wednesday over the map of the proposed Union of Republics. But the basic principal of dividing the country into three ethnic mini-states has been accepted by all three sides.

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, said in Geneva yesterday: "It seems to me that the constitutional agreement is not questioned and all three sides agree that Bosnia will be a union of three republics. The only issue not settled is territory."

Dr Karadzic said the Bosnian Serbs would keep to a five-point plan agreed earlier this week with the Bosnian government that provided for a ceasefire, exchange of prisoners and restoration of utilities to Sarajevo. He said Sarajevo would be an open city with only the movement of military supplies and troops restricted.

Real power rests not with Dr Karadzic, but with President Milosevic. Now that he has more or less achieved his vision of a greater Serbia, he is eager that sanctions are lifted on the rump Yugoslavia as its economy slides into freefall. Mr Milosevic said in Geneva after the talks stalled that he and the Bosnian Serbs were ready to return at any time.

There has been some movement in the Muslims' favour — the road linking the enclaves of Zepa and Srebrenica can, the Bosnian Serbs have agreed, be widened to a corridor about two miles wide. Discussions have also considered territorial swaps between the three mini-states once the agreement is signed.

☐ **Meeting sought:** Alija Izetbegovic, Bosnia's Muslim president, will fly to New York on Monday to seek meetings with UN officials. He will ask to see ambassadors of the five permanent members of the security council as well as Boutros Boutros Ghali, the secretary-general. Bosnian officials said. *(AFP)*

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Medieval technology terrorises Muslims

FROM MALCOLM BRABANT IN VITEZ

AFTER the terror of flying fire extinguishers, the encircled Muslims of Vitez are living in fear of the Croats' latest not-so-secret weapons — the catapult and the boiler bomb.

United Nations officers say the Croats have updated medieval siege technology to try to pummel the thousand inhabitants of the town's old quarter into submission. British officers based at Vitez have been shown the devices by members of the Croatian defence force, the HVO.

Household boilers have been packed with an estimated 50lb of plastic explosive. There are two methods of delivering them. One is by a device resembling the spring that fires the balls in a pinball machine. The other, centuries-old, technique, is to propel them by a see-saw catapult powered by car springs.

The British say the boilers, equipped with timed fuses or percussion caps, can fly up to 200 yards and are more devastating than the fire extinguishers, which had a range of 325 yards and were fired from a tube filled with propane gas. The cannisters caused horrendous blast injuries normally associated with large-calibre artillery. Precise casualty figures are not available, but one British officer estimated that scores of people had been killed or maimed.

The use of improvised weaponry is nothing new in this conflict. Croats and Muslims are using bouncing bombs, oil drums packed with explosive that are rolled down hills towards enemy positions.

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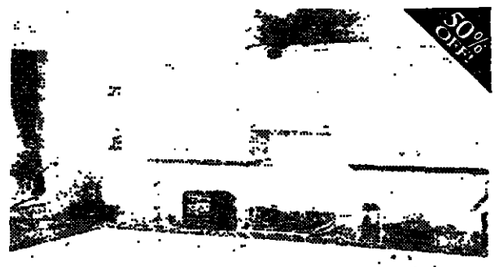
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Revised economic figures show Bush was on right track

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

■ **Life may have been good under George Bush, but he still lost the election. Unfortunately for Bill Clinton, expansion seems to be slowing down**

IN AN extraordinary revision of economic statistics, Washington's commerce department has admitted that growth was far more robust during the final year of George Bush's presidency than originally reported. Even the recession of 1990-91 was milder than previously reckoned.

The revelation is ironic since President Clinton is in the White House because he pounded on about the weak American economy while Mr Bush insisted the economy was bouncing back.

The figures show that America's gross domestic product grew at a rate of 3.9 per cent from the fourth quarter of 1991 to the fourth quarter of last year, substantially higher than the earlier figure of 3.1 per cent. By the time Americans voted last November the GDP was skipping along at an annual rate of 5.7 per cent, the best showing by the American economy for five years, thanks to a surge in bonus payments. As for the recession, GDP declined at an annual rate of 2.1 per cent, much less of a slump than the 2.9 per cent estimated earlier.

These revisions are among the biggest made by government statisticians. They insist the new numbers are based on more precise data now available than for the earlier educated guesswork. The figures cover updated corporate tax returns and reflect increased buying by Americans at cut-price superstores and mass-merchandising outlets, especially for durable goods such as furniture and clothing.

It is scant consolation for Mr Bush to learn that his view of the economy was more accurate than many voters realised. The Bush campaign reeled under Mr Clinton's demands for change based on Washington's anaemic economic figures. "This just shows how perception is more important than reality and spin control is more important than actual numbers," said Martin Regalia, chief economist at the US Chamber of Commerce, yesterday.

There is also a lesson in the limited ability of the White House tenant to change the economy's direction. Now, for example, despite all Mr Clinton's efforts, the expansion is slowing down again. His advisers have revised their estimate for this year's GDP growth sharply downwards from 3.1 to 2 per cent.

☐ **Reform deadline:** President Clinton has set 1998 as the deadline for implementing his health care reform plan, providing universal health care to all Americans, *The Washington Post* said yesterday. Mr Clinton on Tuesday held the first of three meetings with cabinet members and senior health advisers that will determine the final shape of the plan he is expected to present in a joint session of Congress later this month.

Mr Clinton rejected the idea of price controls on the health industry between now and the implementation of his plan. Instead, he will urge the industry to restrain inflation voluntarily and propose government monitoring "to prevent profiteering", an official said. The cost of providing health insurance for all citizens and residents will be borne by employers and employees, while the government would provide a subsidy system for low-paid workers in small firms. *(AFP)*



Somali woman chanting support for General Muhammad Farrah Aidid in Mogadishu yesterday after American UN troops searched a charity compound for illegal weapons

South Africans enjoy peace day without killings

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

FOR almost a minute, thousands of South Africans stood in silence yesterday and clasped each others' hands in a symbolic gesture to mark the country's first official day of peace and the deaths of more than 10,500 people in political violence in the past three years.

Outside the headquarters of the African National Congress in central Johannesburg, a crowd of about 1,500 wearing blue peace ribbons fell into a hush on the stroke of noon. The natural exuberance of South Africa's vast majority of black people meant that a full minute's silence was unlikely and before it was up they had burst into the words of a peace song that has become almost a television jingle.

Drivers of minibus taxis, the vehicles that daily bring thousands into the city from outlying townships, responded by pressing on their horns. The drivers and passengers leant out to shake hands with people lining streets in the city.

Ten miles away, gunshots were heard in Katlehong township, on the East Witwatersrand, as the minute's silence ended, a grim reminder of the carnage that has gripped the area since the beginning of July, when negotiators at the multi-party constitutional talks set April 27 next year as the date for the country's first all-race general election. So far, more than 600 people have been killed. But police reported that for the first time in two months there had been no killings for 24 hours in the townships.

A six-man team of four peace monitors, a member of the ANC, and a member of the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party, its bitter political rival, began a 350-mile "walk for peace" from Johannesburg to Durban. They will stop at flashpoints of violence along the way.

Throughout South Africa and at missions abroad, the national flag was flown at half-mast on the orders of President de Klerk to mourn the victims of political unrest. In Sri Lanka, the South African cricket team stood silently for a minute in the middle of a one-day international being played in Colombo.

However, not everybody joined in. The call for a day of peace was rejected by the white right-wing Conservative Party, which described it as a communist plot to gain time at the constitutional talks.

☐ **Cape Town:** The son of President de Klerk, Willem, 26, whose engagement to a mixed-race model, Erica Adams, caused a furore among conservative whites two years ago, is to marry a white woman, Hermien Mostert, on October 9, the president's office said. *(AFP)*

US offers olive branch to China

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

THE United States is holding out a small olive branch to China. The offer, from Winston Lord, the Assistant Secretary of State for Asia and the Pacific, came just in time: according to China's foreign ministry yesterday, an inspection of the Chinese container ship *Yinhe* showed that she was not carrying chemical weapon ingredients.

Mr Lord, a former ambassador to China, conceded that perhaps China had not wholly understood the implications of *the international missile technology control regime*, and hinted that if Peking now adhered to it the $500 million (£330 million) sanctions on China might be lifted. China never signed the treaty, but had agreed to honour it. Peking has denied violating the treaty in selling M11 short-range missiles to Pakistan and accused the Americans of not listening to reason. Qian Qichen, the foreign minister, has threatened that China might no longer co-operate with the control regime.

Since announcing the sanctions, the White House has come under pressure from American manufacturers of rocket technology, which is banned for export to China by the embargo. The manufacturers had said that a small punishment for China would *result in the unemployment of* many Americans.

In Peking, Wu Jianmin, a foreign ministry spokesman, said the inspection of the ship in Dammam, Saudi Arabia, proved "repeated clarifications made by the Chinese side to be true". The US embassy in Peking said it had no immediate comment on the Chinese statement. Washington had claimed that the *Yinhe* was carrying two chemicals that could be used to make mustard gas and nerve gas.

Jiang Zemin, the state president, yesterday called for increased mutual trust and co-operation with the Americans. Before Mr Lord's conciliatory statement, it was becoming clear in Washington that Peking's outrage might, in at least one case, be justified.

It is understood, too, that inside the Clinton administration there was debate on whether the M11s, with their short-range capabilities, actually violated the international agreement.



Qian: China might ignore terms of missile treaty

Faithful await the late Marcos show

FROM ABBY TAN IN LAOAG CITY, PHILIPPINES

TO THE clannish people of Ilocos Norte in the northern Philippines, the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos could be a bigger draw than the Virgin Mary. Feverish preparations are under way to receive one million people, whom local officials expect will attend the wake and funeral of Marcos when his body returns home next Tuesday.

That will surpass the multitude of past millions that flocked to see an alleged appearance of the Blessed Mother in the nearby town of Agoo in April. "We expect the funeral to be bigger than the apparition," said Jesus Nalupta, the mayor of the Marcos hometown of Batac, seven miles south of here.

That expectation may be exaggerated, but such is the fanatical following of the Ilocanos, who are hardy, tobacco-chewing type of folk, that they do not care about Marcos's global notoriety as a corrupt leader. The Marcos family and local politicians are pulling out the stops to give him a hero's welcome.

Marcos's return ends a four-year tug of war between his family and the Philippines government. His remains have lain in a refrigerator in Honolulu since his death in exile in September 1989, aged 72.

President Ramos, who helped to overthrow Marcos in a popular revolt in 1986, stood firm against a Manila funeral for security reasons. His government said there were to be no state honours for the former ruler, and his body was to be flown direct to Laoag City from Honolulu.

But his home province, 250 miles north of Manila, will roll out the red carpet when a chartered jet bringing his body touches down at the airport.

There will be a Mass at the Roman Catholic cathedral before his body is put on public display in the city square. The family mortician, Franck Mabaled, said that he would perform cosmetic reconstruction on the corpse if needed. His business card says that he "makes people beautiful even in death".

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Israelis talk of tolerance, economic co-operation and a durable peace but few details emerge

Peres calls on US and Europe to help rebuild Middle East

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS AND CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

THE Israeli foreign minister, Shimon Peres, believes the European Community and the United States are ready to support the new, emerging peace deal in the Middle East.

"I believe the construction of a new Middle East should be a joint venture between the united Europe and the United States," he said. "A Middle East of tolerance, economic co-operation and durable peace can profit very much from European experience and support, and Europe has never lost interest in the Middle East for historical, political or religious reasons."

Mr Peres gave no clues about when Israel would recognise the Palestine Liberation Organisation. A report in the semi-official *al-Ahram* newspaper yesterday said, however, that preparations were under way for Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, and Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, to meet for the first time later this month in Egypt.

Diplomatic sources said such a meeting would be useful in maintaining the peace momentum after the signing of the proposed draft agreement on Palestinian autonomy in parts of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.



Peres: silent on timing of meeting with PLO

Mr Peres said he was encouraged by the EC's "readiness to help settle one of the major conflicts of our time in a world of doom and gloom" by promoting tolerance through economic co-operation. Mr Peres said his meetings with Jacques Delors, the president of the European Commission, and Hans van den Broek, its foreign affairs chief, were "favourable, responsible and encouraging".

He said Israel asked for no money or financial aid, but rather to accelerate EC-Israel trade negotiations.

Behind the rhetoric, however, few concrete details emerged on what the cash-strapped EC can do to help build this new Middle East, whose geography is still uncertain but which, according to Mr Peres, will comprise a neighbourly Israel and a "Palestinian-Jordanian confederation".

Mr Peres refused to elaborate on the separate talks in Spain between Israel and Syria. He reiterated that any initial agreement between them would last for five years, with the search for a permanent solution beginning two years into the interim deal. Jerusalem, he said, would always be under Israeli control. He said that no agreement was possible for the moment on the exact geography of the autonomous Palestinian territories. "Let's agree on a calendar, not a map," he said.

Historic deal, page 1



Two young Palestinians standing in the doorway of their home in Jericho, with fresh graffiti welcoming the mutual recognition deal between Israel and the PLO, under which the West Bank will be given autonomy

Delegates left on the American sidelines

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

EACH day at 4pm a couple of dozen Israeli and Palestinian delegates arrive at the State Department in their limousines to continue the 11th round of Middle East peace talks. They sit in a first-floor conference room for a while, idly chatting and drinking coffee, and then they return to their luxurious hotels till dinner time.

For the past 22 months these people believed they were the key to resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict. Last weekend their illusions were cruelly shattered. They learned, along with the rest of the world, that for the past six months the real action had been taking place in Norway, where senior Israeli and PLO officials were secretly devising a plan for Palestinian self-rule.

Hanan Ashrawi, the Palestinian spokeswoman, admitted that the Washington talks had long since become a "charade". Completing their humiliation, the Palestinians could not even obtain a text of the autonomy plan until Tuesday, when an obliging Israeli journalist translated it for them from his newspaper.

"Let's just say we were shocked," said Saeb Erakat, a Palestinian delegate. "We were the appetisers. The PLO is the main course."

Several delegates, moreover, have serious reservations about the plan. This unhappiness extends to Haider Abdel-Shafi, head of the Palestinian delegation, and to Elyakim Rubinstein, the chief Israeli negotiator.

The two delegations now spend much of the day in their hotels listening to news from the Middle East and seeking instructions on their future role. At best they will be charged with resolving minor details of the plan.

The Palestinian delegation, comprising 14 laymen from the occupied territories, "has nothing, absolutely nothing, to do except talk to the press and say hello to the Israelis each day", said Nabil Shaath, the delegation's leading PLO adviser.

One consolation for the delegates is that the Americans feel just as left out as they do. The Clinton administration was vaguely aware of the secret talks, but never believed they would succeed. It was caught on the hop when they did. Robbed of its role as facilitator and intermediary, it has been left to take a tin cup round the allies to finance Palestinian self-rule.

Hurd will press Saudi Arabia to end Gulf war boycott of PLO

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BRITAIN will urge Saudi Arabia to end its boycott of the Palestine Liberation Organisation and support the fledgeling self-government in Gaza and Jericho when Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, arrives for talks in Jedda next week.

The new peace accord between Israel and the PLO will be the main topic during two days of discussions with top Saudi officials, including Prince Saud al-Faisal, the foreign minister, and probably also King Fahd. Western countries are hoping that Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states will now soften their harsh stance towards the Palestinians, who infuriated the conservative Arab rulers by taking Iraq's side during the Gulf war.

The issue is diplomatically delicate, but Washington is likely to urge the Saudis discreetly to play a "constructive role", with strong hints that this would best be done by offering cash to make any self-government arrangements workable. Britain has given strong support to the new peace accord. When details become clearer, Britain will probably join the Scandinavian countries in offering fresh aid to underpin the new arrangements, adding to the aid already flowing to the occupied territories.

For the past three years Britain has contributed £6 million a year to the United Nations Works and Refugee Agency, the main body responsible for education and training in the Palestinian refugee camps. A further £1.6 million is given to non-governmental agencies working in the occupied territories, as well as multilateral aid that is given through the European Community.



Mr Hurd's visit will begin on Monday with talks in Abu Dhabi with Rashid Abdallah al-Nuaymi, the foreign minister of the United Arab Emirates. The Arab-Israeli peace issue will be high on the agenda, but the continuing threat posed by President Saddam Hussein of Iraq will also be discussed. The foreign secretary will want to know what arrangements the six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council has made to bolster its security, and whether the moribund proposal for Syrian and Egyptian troops to be stationed in the region has been permanently shelved.

Mr Hurd will inevitably review the progress of the multi-billion pound al-Yamama defence contracts with Britain. The second phase, providing for the sale of a further 48 Tornadoes, was finally agreed in January. He is, however, unlikely to engage in detailed negotiations, as these are going on continuously with the defence ministry.

The Saudi minister of finance recently denied reports that the country was overspending and that its finances were overstretched. Analysts say Riyadh has now abandoned a policy of capping oil production, and has been pumping at a rapid rate to cover its increased spending plans.

Both oil production policies and Saudi development plans have a vital bearing on the British economy, and Mr Hurd's talks will concentrate on Saudi Arabia's pivotal role in oil production and regional security.

Co-ordinated peace signing nears

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reaching a compromise for announcing official mutual recognition," he said. "I do not think it is going to take long. Maybe it is a question of days, if not of hours."

Among the outstanding PLO conditions for recognition are the status of Arab east Jerusalem, a halt to new Jewish settlements, the return of refugees of the 1967 Middle East war, and the right of Palestinians to a state within five years.

Commenting on the Palestinian move to involve other Arab countries, a Western diplomatic source said: "They are now facing up to the reality of trying to make a deal negotiated secretly in the cool of Norway withstand the heat of the Middle East political kitchen."

Recent reports from Washington and various Middle Eastern capitals have indicated that Syria, Lebanon and Jordan were all close to reaching framework peace agreements with Israel, but had been loath to step out of line before any such agreement was reached between Israel and the Palestinians.

In just a few days, previous Palestinian fears that Arab nations — like Egypt in 1979 — would abandon them and sign separate treaties with Israel have turned into criticism from the frontline Arab states that the PLO was going its own way. "We in Jordan do not accept the imposition of any agreement imposed on us," said King Husain in his call for an Arab summit meeting. "The Arab nation is going through a dangerous phase and the Arab future is threatened ... this requires an Arab meeting."

Amman fears that the pact will put Jordan's relationship with any future Palestinian state in the back seat. It had been expected that the Palestinians would enter a confederation with Jordan even though it is a monarchy. "King Husain is simply calling for more study of everything that has been submitted. Peace without Jordan is not going to be possible," a Jordanian official said.

The Amman press was outspoken yesterday, attacking the Palestinians for their lack of consultation with their Arab allies. "The sad thing is that co-ordination has receded recently which has opened the door widely for Israeli attempts, with American backing, to impose separate solutions leading to unjustified Arab concessions," said the daily *Sawt al-Shaab*.

In Damascus, diplomatic insiders said that Syria was genuinely concerned that a separate Israeli-PLO pact could damage prospects of an overall regional peace settlement. But the Syrian leadership, which has been in close touch with Egypt, stopped short of outright public criticism.

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Ashrawi: American talks had become a "charade"

'Ladi Di' decides on an era in Provence

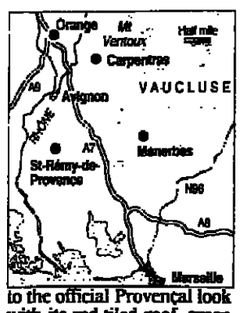
■ Whether Nostradamus predicted it, the French media are confident that the Princess of Wales is buying a luxury retreat near his ultra-chic hometown

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

CLATTERING camera shutters drowned the chatter of cicadas outside St Rémy-de-Provence yesterday after France learnt that the Princess of Wales is to follow Princess Caroline and Princess Stephanie of Monaco and a flock of other continental celebrities who have moved into farmhouses around the picture-perfect Provençal town.

Not even Buckingham Palace's denials could dampen the enthusiasm with which the French media depicted the lonely princess deciding, in the words of one radio station, to "escape the dreary rains of Albion" and her "lugubrious ex-husband" and move into a ten-million-franc (£1.15 million) *mas* bought from José Van Dam, the Belgian baritone. The palace said yesterday: "As far as we are aware, she has not bought a house."

Earlier, breaking the news, *Paris Match* devoted its cover and a colour spread to the "simple farmhouse" with its 20 acres, six bedrooms and a swimming pool, where, it said, "Ladi Di" wished to live an anonymous life with her two sons. Exquisitely weather-beaten by the mistral, the Van Dam *mas* conforms



to the official Provençal look with its red-tiled roof, green shutters and surrounding pines and lavender.

France was the traditional refuge for troubled British royalty, the magazine reminded its readers, citing the precedents of Edward VII when he was Prince of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. However, the goal of anonymity seems a little implausible given St Rémy's role as the Mecca of *le style provençal*, the culinary, decorative and architectural craze which has ravaged both sides of the Atlantic in the past decade.

The princess has been reported for months to have been scouting for property in Provence and St Rémy, gateway to the Alpilles hills west of the Lubéron. What St Tropez was to the 1960s, St Rémy is to the 1990s, a retreat where celebrities commune with the simple life in expensively rustic surroundings. The birthplace of Nostradamus, St Rémy was first jolted into its own celebrity by Van Gogh, who spent his last year in the local asylum and etched its landscape of sunlight and cypresses on the world's imagination.

The town finally bid farewell to the peace of its shaded squares and avenues of plane-trees about a decade ago when the coast succumbed to the invasion of pizza and sausage tourism and the chic moved to the hinterland of Provence. As the Lubéron was annexed as a summertime suburb of Paris and London, the mantle of super-glamour descended on the St Rémy area.

In recent years, social life has been dominated by the "Grimaldi girls" and their friends, after Princess Stephanie and then her sister moved in. The St Rémy set also includes Inès de la Fressange, the former Chanel model and Christian Lacroix, the couturier, Pierre Bergé, the head of the Yves-Saint-Laurent empire and former director of the Paris Opéra, who moved in two years ago, buying a magnificent estate as well as the neighbouring property to ensure his tranquility.

Today the area is home to the ferocious one-upmanship that marks the struggle to attain the true Provençal *art de vivre*.

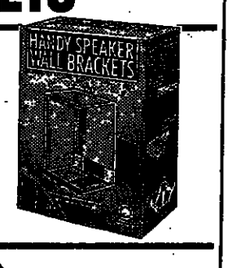
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A civilised voice for Palestine

Hanan Ashrawi is paying the price of becoming a world-wide media star, says Richard Beeston

HARRY BENSON



An acceptable image of the Palestinians: the articulate Hanan Ashrawi outshone Israeli media stars and helped the exiled PLO leadership present itself in a sympathetic light to the Western public

Turn on any television news programme this week, and amid the dizzying images from the Middle East will probably appear a smartly dressed middle-aged women with neatly cut hair who will make the whole confusing mélange of history, religion and conflict sound simple.

In the space of only two years as spokeswoman for the Palestinians, Hanan Ashrawi, 46, has not only established herself as one of the most articulate figures in the region, but also as probably the best-known Arab woman in the world.

Mrs Ashrawi was born in 1946, only two years before the creation of Israel, and her life has rarely deviated far from the cause she now represents, a point made most starkly by a visit to her home in the West Bank town of Ramallah, situated directly opposite the barbed-wire and watch towers of an Israeli military prison.

She is the daughter of a wealthy physician and was raised in the comfortable world of the Palestinian bourgeoisie, but was soon caught up by the conflict in the Middle East when her family home was captured during Israel's victory in the 1967 Six Day War, while she was reading English at the American University of Beirut.

"I immediately became involved because I came face to face with the substance of reality, not just abstract politics," she said, recalling how she joined the mainstream PLO faction Fatah, became a radical student activist and even helped to dig shelters in the Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon.

After completing her PhD in English literature at the University of Virginia, she returned to the occupied territories and became a professor of English at Bir Zeit University, the leading college in the West Bank and the traditional hotbed of Palestinian nationalism.

Her transformation from obscure university professor and a mother of two girls to the voice of the Palestinian people can be traced to an ABC television news show in April 1988, when Palestinians living in the occupied territories had drawn the world's attention to their cause through the *intifada*, the spontaneous revolt against Israeli rule.

Mrs Ashrawi's crisp English and challenging arguments stood out from the familiar Arab and Israeli figures taking part in the televised debate and attracted the attention of the exiled PLO leadership, which had consistently failed to present itself in a sympathetic light to the Western public.

What the PLO had found at last was an opportunity to soften its image as a guerrilla organisation by replacing Yassir Arafat's stubble beard, green fatigues and ever-present *keffiyeh* (Arab headdress) with a convincing Western-educated woman dressed in a business suit, whom one American journalist described condescendingly as "someone you'd like to invite to dinner".

She was appointed official spokeswoman to the Palestinian delegation at the opening round of Middle East peace talks in Madrid nearly two years ago, and daily outshone Israel's own media star, the hawkish opposition Likud party leader, Benjamin "Bibi" Netanyahu.

Mrs Ashrawi rarely shows the stress she is under, other than by chain-smoking Salem Lights, but her high-profile job has taken its toll. Apart from long absences from her home, where her photographer husband Emile is left to look after their daughters Zeina, 12, and Amal, 16, her work has led to growing resentment from her own people, many of whom are opposed to the current peace initiative.

"I do not know who asked her to speak on behalf of the Palestinians, because she certainly does not represent me," said one leading Palestinian figure in Jerusalem, resentful at what he regards as her high-handed manner.

Of far more concern are the threats of violence against Mrs Ashrawi, particularly from Muslim fundamentalist groups who are incensed that a woman, and a Christian one, should have such an influential position. She is now protected by a Palestinian bodyguard.

If peace can be signed between Israel and the Palestinians, Mrs Ashrawi said this week that she wanted to return to her home in Ramallah and resume her teaching. However, if her past experiences and that of her people are anything to go by, it will be a long time before her face disappears from the world's television screens.



Mrs Ashrawi and her husband Emile — they are often kept apart by her work



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BEN MACINTYRE

FOR YEARS, I sat on the hard shoulder of what President Clinton calls the "Digital Highway", convinced that people who spend their lives wedded to the vast information systems available via a computer screen had to be either nerds, or rocket scientists, or both.

But that highway — into which Rupert Murdoch steered The News Corporation this week — has gradually become part of my life, even though I am still only in the slow lane. Along with about 20 million people I will never see, I am becoming a cyberpunk. A typical day in cyberspace. Wake up, have breakfast, turn on the computer and dial into my network. Trawl through the news wires, check the cricket scores and pick up my electronic mail — several advertisements for things I don't want, a letter from my sister and another missive from someone called Jungle Bunny. How did they get my electronic address?

Armed simply with a personal computer, a modem and a telephone line, even technological novices can access a continually evolving data bank: a library, several newspapers and an interactive computer community in your living room.

On an average day, I may need to have up-to-date information on, say, Aids research, politics and the Michael Jackson scandal. For these and roughly 60,000 other subjects, there is a corner in cyberspace. Much of what may be pinned there is nonsense, parts are merely bawdy. But some is crucial.

Naturally enough, scientists cottoned on to the potential of computerised data networks early in the game. Now, just about any scientific subject matter is available on-line. When a Cambridge mathematician announced in June that he had solved Fermat's Theorum, the news was immediately relayed on the Internet, originally developed for military and scientific researchers but which now links to at least two million computers.

Politics has been slower to adapt to the potential of data networks, but it is catching up. Clinton has already appointed a director of presidential E-Mail, and 4,000 messages a week hum into the White House.

Then there is PeaceNet, for information on human rights, EcoNet, for the environment, and just about every other topic to explore. What, for example, lies at the end of alt.culture.electric-midget? This may be important.

Enough work, time to shop. From my computer, I can buy airline tickets, make hotel reservations, I can potter through Bloomingdales, read the paper, or check out the Top 40 pop chart. There is even a "Mail Manager" to direct me when I get lost.

For many users, the network is less a source of information than a means of support, a method of reaching out across space to those of like mind without having to see them. People with terminally-ill relatives, joggers, sado-masochism entrepreneurs, all have a corner of this vast world behind my computer screen.

Newsweek recently told the touching story of a plant manager, Bryan Lockwood, a resident of Atqasuk, Alaska, an Eskimo village largely cut off from the outside world. Mr Lockwood remained sane during the long winter months by participating in political debates through his screen.

THE SOCIAL side of the network, ranging from the lonely hearts club to the avowedly pornographic, has caught on with astonishing speed. Every day, American newspapers carry stories of couples united in cyberlove. Alt.sex provides a self-explanatory service; alt.bite.my.butt, a somewhat less obvious one.

Some computer experts have even gone so far as to suggest that if the telephone destroyed the art of letter-writing, E-Mail may bring it back. A glance at Jungle Bunny's latest missive suggests this may be an exaggeration, but one professor of English at Chicago University recently claimed: "E-Mail thrives because of its rapidity and fluidity; the E-Mail writer performs as a speaker, sparking a conversation."

Late at night, overloaded with modern life, it is time to log on to alt.life.sucks, or perhaps alt.angst, for a serious discussion of existential feats. And so to bed. But sleep, of course, is out of the question since my eyes are now perfectly square.

On the eve of *The Times* World Chess Championship, meet the wives in the wings

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The Shorts (left): Nigel, toddler Kyveli, and Rea, who learnt patience from him. The Kasparovs (right): Garry, baby Pauline, and Maria, who gave up her career at his insistance

Perfect mates for chess stars



SHORT

A woman in five million for the challenger

Nigel Short's Greek wife, Rea, is one of only two professional drama therapists in her native land. Since he is a man of precise turn of mind as well as being a devoted husband, this suits his purposes well, as it enables him to call her a woman in five million.

She finds this as amusing as he does, and is absorbing the English sense of humour by degrees. Just as the origins of his chess can be found in the great Fischer/Spassky confrontation of 1972, so the beginnings of her Anglomania can be traced to the lyrics of the classic Beatles songs. "Without them, I would never have been so keen to learn the language," she says with bilingual fluency. When he suggests, deadpan, that she first fell for him on account of his body, she reminds him that it was in fact his sense of humour that attracted her.

They share a great deal more than language and humour, for their professional skills have become complementary. Both are engaged in the business of evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of an individual, and both are quick to concede that each one's way of doing this has been of benefit to the other. The difference, of course, is that whereas Rea's function is then to help the individual make good his or her deficiencies, Nigel's is to exploit them as destructively as possible.

"That is simply the way in which his skills are utilised," she says. "I think that in the past I have been a much more impulsive thinker than him. I have learnt from him a capacity for patience, and the ability to approach one problem from a number of angles.

"At the end, I might choose the same conclusion that I would have made spontaneously in the first instance, but there is an enormous difference between the process of deciding at once on a course of action, and of going around all the possibilities. Nigel has this capacity to think in a cool way even about the most emotional of issues."

Her father, Nikos Karageorgiou, came from Turkey to Greece in 1922, and spent most of his working life building up a business importing clocks and watches. Her mother also came from Turkey, in 1945, and Rea is the couple's only child. Today, her parents live immediately above the Shorts in a flat in the Pangrati district of Athens.

Rea, who is five years older than her husband, studied in England for her profession, at what is now Hertfordshire University. She and Nigel were first introduced by mutual friends while travelling in Germany in 1985, and were married two years later. It would be hard to overstate her contribution to his current stature as a competitor. He was the child of a broken home, and clearly relishes the stability of his own partnership. This is a security that has been enhanced rather than threatened by the arrival of their daughter and first child, Kyveli, two years ago. Rea's ebullient personality has made him both more vivacious and better able to relax.

Like her husband, she agrees that the imminent challenge is the most important of his life but denies that it will be the end for him if he does not win. "This is not so much an apotheosis for Nigel as part of a continuing process of evolution."

As with any other partnership, it seems reasonable to suppose that they each take their work home to some extent, and that they experience anxiety for the other's trials. "To the normal degree, I think," says Rea. "To me, it is natural that this should happen. When something preoccupies him very strongly, it reaches me. And that is the same the other way round."

She is right about the mutuality of the feelings between them, for he is as gracious about her as she is about him. Just occasionally, however, there is a strange lapse in his gallantry. "Yes, the Beatles," he chimes in. "They really did influence her. You know, after her first ten years of understanding English, she was able to say 'She loves you, yeah yeah yeah', and 'Love me do'."

ALAN FRANKS

KASPAROV

Extraordinary partner for the champion

Maria Kasparov is not in town for the big match — yet. She "would love to come, but only if he needs me". For the moment, she will stay in Moscow with her daughter, Pauline, aged four months, the couple's first child. They had been trying since their marriage in 1989 to start a family. Now that they have succeeded, neither parent wants to inflict a world championship chess match on the child. "These are difficult times for all of us," says Maria, in a remark made yet more enigmatic by her lilting Russian accent.

The stress for Maria is very real. She accompanied Kasparov to his last world title defence against Anatoly Karpov in New York and Lyon in 1990. Although he won the match, Maria learnt: "Garry is inconsolable when he loses, or when he misses an opportunity to win. There is nothing I can do for him then. I just have to wait until the mood passes."

Maria — her friends and family know her by the diminutive, Masha — was born in Moscow 29 years ago. She left Moscow State University with a philology degree and worked as a translator and editor at the Novosti press agency, where her mother had worked for 25 years as a journalist. Her parents now live in Helsinki, where her father works for a company involved in Russo-Finnish trade.

Maria comes from a more middle class, "insider" background than her Jewish-Armenian husband. Garry is the quintessential outsider: fatherless from the age of seven; an only child; a childhood given over to the demands of being a chess genius; an adulthood made strange by celebrity and his prodigious gifts. He says: "I am more than normal." But, clearly, he is not. Maria is much more stable, more pleasant, more mature.

A chess analogy is tempting — the blonde, self-confident northern Maria as white to the dark, troubled southerner's black. But the comparison breaks down: white makes the first move, and that would not suit Garry's machismo. Maria confirms that when they met in the same circle of young, pro-reform Muscovites in 1986, it was Garry who did all the courting.

Maria gave up her career when she married the world champion — at his insistence. The move was clearly more old-fashioned than the person who made it, and she admits that her husband's traditionalism "has caused some problems". Now she has the baby. For the previous four years she had devoted herself to Garry, to becoming part of his "team", which is run — the domestic side of it at least — by Clara, Garry's mother. Maria has accompanied Garry on some of his many business and chess forays around the world, helping out, charming journalists — not least this one — but still, I think, searching for a way into the main love of her husband's life.

Garry is a man who revels, in conventional masculinity. "I'm a raider; green berets, marines — you know, ahead of your army," he says of his chess playing and business prowess. "Now that my baby is born, I will buy a house. Russia does not have a good sea any more. The Black Sea? No, there is shooting down there. For myself, I do not mind, but for my wife and children and my mother, it is not good. You have new rules. You have to bring them to the quiet place."

The quiet place that the Kasparovs will seek out after the impending struggle in London is over will probably be in Spain or France. At the moment they have a flat in Moscow. Wherever they go, the opportunity for Maria to live with Garry and Pauline as an "ordinary" nuclear family of doting, domesticated wife and 9 to 5 husband is unlikely.

This is partly because Garry Kasparov enjoys being the centre of an extended family of aunts, trainers, coaches and helpers; partly because there will always be another consuming interest — for the moment, chess; in the future, politics — and partly because, eventually, such an arrangement is not what Maria wants.

ROBERT CRAMPTON

Demented with fear

A morbid interest in finding a target can bring its own sickness



MARGOT NORMAN

I am concerned for the health of Mrs Ann Eustace, one of the 300 British women treated for infertility between 1956 and 1985 with human gonadotrophin, which may have been contaminated with Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD). She had the treatment 22 years ago, has been quite well since so far as I know, and has no symptoms of this rare form of dementia, the human equivalent of BSE, the mad cow disease.

Ever since first hearing of people contracting CJD after being given growth hormone as children, however, she has woken up every morning wondering if she has been stricken, and gingerly walked downstairs checking for signs of failing co-ordination.

That way, surely, a different but no less unwelcome form of dementia lies. If one day she trips over the cat, will she assume herself marked out for death and go into a terminal decline? No wonder the Department of Health wanted to have a telephone helpline in place before announcing that women who were treated, in some cases nearly 40 years ago, with the only effective technique then available to correct their failure to ovulate, may possibly have contracted a slow-incubating disease.

The telephone helpline can be an invaluable antidote to this modern manifestation of voodoo. Whether it is in this case I am unable to say, having found the line engaged all day yesterday. What I hope the telephone helpers are doing is quoting the late Jenny Halford, the Australian woman who died of CJD in a British hospital, and Peggy Gittins, who was first given the treatment 27 years ago and has no symptoms. The message from both is that they were desperate to have children, and accounted the risks well worth while both in foresight and hindsight. The doctors involved were, they felt, as careful as they could have been in the state of knowledge then obtaining. These women were, at least saved from that form of dementia that sometimes afflicts the infertile.

What I fervently hope the telephone helpers are not doing is referring callers to the lawyers who are now acting for the parents of the growth-hormone children in their pursuit of compensation. I hope, too, they are not referring them to Brian Bowler, the father of a double glazing surveyor, also named Brian Bowler, who died from CJD at 31 as a result of an operation to correct a congenital limp when he was 16.

The late Mr Bowler was one of several thousand people given a Lyodura graft, made from human tissue taken from cadavers, to protect the brain from damage during various neurosurgical operations. Ten are known to have since died from CJD. His father is pursuing the German manufacturers of Lyodura for compensation. The product licence was not withdrawn until 1991, although the government had issued guidelines aimed at preventing the collection of infected tissue ten years earlier. The company, Braun Melsungen, maintains it first heard of the danger of CJD infection only in 1986, and then changed its collection procedures.

No doubt there is scope here for lawyers to bandy dates in pursuit of the apportioning of blame, but the present state of medical ignorance about this disease, let alone the state of knowledge ten or 20 years ago, suggests that the pursuit itself is unhealthy. There is a form of dementia, not as yet dignified with a solemn Teutonic handle such as Alzheimer's or Creutzfeldt-Jakob, which manifests itself in morbid bitterness and is closely associated with the use of lawyers in pursuit of a target for blame.

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

● THE Times World Chess Championship, to be played between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short, begins at the Savoy Theatre, London, on September 7. Tickets are available now from First Call (071-497 9977).

Baby keeps crying? Toddler won't eat? **Rachel Kelly** meets the John Harvey-Jones of the nursery world

Does nanny know best?

NINE more days to go, and Nanny Smith is relishing her last few moments of obscurity. From September 12, this gentle, unassuming, white-haired lady, who smells faintly of lavender, will become a household name thanks to a new BBCI series, *Nanny Knows Best*.

In it, she stars and troubleshoots like Sir John Harvey-Jones, but this time the cases are the nation's parents and their offspring. No doubt she will be recognised in Sainsburys; parents will push their children towards her; and the requests for interviews will come thick and fast.

"Am I enjoying all the interest? No. That's N", she pauses as though talking to a child, "O. At my vast age [71] I like to do my own thing. I have to admit that I enjoyed meeting all the parents and I found them caring and great fun, but I do resent a bit all the time it took."

She is happier visiting the theatre and art galleries, and pottering round her flat in Victoria, central London, than talking with the media. So why submit herself to the television series, and put her name to the book that accompanies it?

Enter Nina Grunfeld, a 39-year-old mother of three who was once one of Nanny's "children", or former charges. "Nina pushed me into it," says Nanny. "I used to boss her around, I suppose, and now it's her turn." Mrs Grunfeld, already a successful author who has written nine books, including *Pregnancy Week by Week*, one of Mothercare's best-selling publications, persuaded Nanny to put pen to paper and record her golden guidelines. The result is a joint book subtitled *How to bring up a happy child*.

Clearly, Nina is now poised to benefit from another best-seller, but she emphasises that her reasons were more altruistic. "I didn't realise how lucky I had been as a child until Nanny came back, as a favour, in the first few weeks with my first baby. By the time she left, my son Michael was a really happy little boy. I thought other people should have the benefit of her wisdom."

The "other people" are 18 families who signed up via local nurseries to be advised by agony Nanny. Their verdict is the real proof of Nanny's wisdom. Does she really know best?

Yes, says Mrs Grunfeld. Most of the time, say the parents. The series format is based round problem areas — sibling rivalry, sleeping difficulties, shyness and tantrums — with before and after visits. It is difficult to know whether the children might not have improved anyway with time and changed circumstance — going to school, for example. Sometimes parents disagreed with Nanny — with her belief, for example, that no child is naughty. ("I'm afraid my son just *is*," said one parent.) But all agreed that Nanny was a joy to have around.

Complete thumbs up came from Joyce Richards, who was visited by Nanny when her baby was eight-days old. The first time Nanny bathed Philip he did not cry, says Mrs Richards. "She spoke to him all the way through." The Richards say they are more relaxed as parents as a result of feeling that they are doing things right. Marks for Nanny? Ten out of ten.

Her trip to Janet and Kevin Magee was less successful. Sarah, their three-year-old daughter, cannot get to sleep. Nanny's advice was to establish a routine. But the Magees had tried routines before and had no luck. Some children just don't need sleep, Nanny said. Sarah would grow out of it.

The best magic that Nanny could provide was her calming presence "She's a wonderful person who you feel you could tell all your problems to," Mrs Magee says. "The thing we got out of it was that someone has said publicly that it's not our fault."

GOLDEN RULES

NANNY *Smith's guidelines, for bringing up a happy child:*

■ Help your child to feel secure by creating a calm atmosphere and keeping your behaviour consistent.

■ Don't ask your child to make decisions — freedom of choice will make a child confused and insecure.

■ Be on your children's side. Praise them, constantly and never put them down to or apologise for them.

■ Con't compare your child to another. Allow children *to develop at their own pace and in* their own way.

■ Respect your child. See things from his or her point of view. Always try to understand what he or she may be thinking.

■ Remember that children learn by example.

■ Allow your children to experiment. That's how they find out about the world.

■ Childhood should be golden. Let your children know they are safe, happy and loved.

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Philip Howard



■ The Song of the Philistines: a much misunderstood people

1. Trumpet it out in Gath, publish the good tidings in the streets of Askelon. Let the daughters of the Philistines dance and raise the song of triumph.

2. For the *archaeologists* of the Israelites have cast down the lie about the race of Philistia that has traduced our uncircumcised people for thrice ten hundred years, and more.

3. They have discovered the remains of Ekron, even our mighty city of Ekron, and contrary to the black *propaganda*, the remains show that we were a cultivated and *sophisticated* urban people, at a time when the Israelites were uncivilised nomadic bedouin.

4. Lo, our forefathers had already discovered iron when the Hebrews and other neighbouring tribes still worked with bronze, and the Goliath olive oil presses at Ekron used to *produce a thousand shekels of oil a year for export*, even a fifth part of Israel's total production today.

5. Our ancient sea people wandered to the land of Philistia from the Aegean, yea, haply even from the Isle of Crete after the deluge had destroyed King Minos.

6. And we were mighty men of valour. Yea, we slew king Saul in battle, captured the Ark of the Covenant, and kept the sons and daughters of Israel in captivity for five score years and ten. Let us omit all mention of the *no-ball* by which the *braggart* shepherd boy slew Goliath.

7. But we had no sacred bard, nor even a bilious Old Testament prophet, to record our deeds, and so they have perished from off the face of the earth, and are forgotten in eternal night, even as though they had never been.

8. So the Israelites, who had copied the skill of letters from the Phoenicians, and who begat many cunning scribes, ingenious men furnished with ability and poetry, came to tell our story.

9. Accordingly for as many years as Methuselah's, our sensitive and cultured tribe has been made a proverb and a byword for *thugs* and *rugger buggers*, *bores* and *dullards*, children of darkness without intelligence or culture.

10. German *students* called the coarse townspeople who were not at their *universities* "Philisters", and that other sea-going people, the *Anglici*, picked up Philistine as a term of contempt, notably their prophets Thomas Carlyle and Matthew Arnold.

11. Cecil B. de Mille, father of lies, who regarded himself as *co-director* of historical pictures with the God of the Israelites, spake the lie about the Philistines around the *movie* palaces of the whole world, portraying us as rioters and wine-bibbers, men of little worth, dancing and making an exhibition of *ourselves until Samson pulleth the papier-mâché* temple down around our ears.

12. For the tribe that getteth to carve the history of its times on tables of stone, joy cometh in the future. But those that cannot write it down are cast into outer darkness, because they lack a sacred chronicler.

13. *Political correctness* can indeed be taken several cubits too far, as when the University of Wisconsin advertised that a post was open, yea even for the *melanin-challenged*, which being interpreted means those whose skins are muddy northern European pink and grey, not black or even dusky.

14. And Thompson the *holiday factory* is being overly scrupulous by forbidding the comedians at its Mediterranean *hotels* to make *racist* jokes. No gags about the foolish Irish, the crooked Italians or lascivious Greeks. What else is left? Mothers-in-law and female genitalia and breasts, and they are also taboo.

15. *Racist* and ethnic insults are the oldest in the bad book, starting with heathen and *infidel*, and working down through *bogtrotters*, *macaronis*, *dagos*, *frogs*, *honkies* and others too rude to mention.

16. Nevertheless, *political correctness* is actually correct, when not taken to excess: the world is better since it has become bad form to use *derogatory* epithets for Jews, women, blacks, whites, or coffee-coloureds.

17. Only we Philistines still hold our bad name. But the *archaeologists* have shown that we were cultivated, civilised, sensitive examples to lesser breeds without our law.



WOMAN'S LONG WALK

Bring back blame

Whatever became of 'with great regret' and the swift resignation? Why will no one take responsibility when things go wrong?

Bernard Levin

I know nothing about the aetiology of cancer, and I shall therefore not discuss the subject in the light of the dreadful stories now coming out of the Birmingham bone cancer unit. But I do profess to knowing quite a lot *about human beings, and it is that* subject that shall be my theme today.

When the report was published, with its catalogue of catastrophes, the most striking element in what followed was a stampede of self-exculpation: I have rarely heard such a cacophony of "It wasn't me". On the day of publication, I was listening to the six o'clock news when the announcer introduced one of the leading figures in the scandal. He sounded unhappy, which is not surprising, and all he said, in a whine which itself should have had a pack of dogs set on him, was ". . . report seriously flawed . . . full of inaccuracies . . . totally unfair . . ."

On the same day, another of the most responsible figures in the terrible story was repeating that she would not resign; at that point nobody was asking her to, but in business like this you can't be too careful. As for the lady at the very top of the pyramid, she offered her regrets "through South Birmingham health authority's public relations department", adding "I hope that the measures now being taken by South Birmingham health authority and the acute unit will *result in the best possible patient care*". So, I might add, do the patients. She also will not resign, but she will leave; she is "taking early retirement" — it is not clear when she made that decision.

When did the culture of "no culpability" begin? In politics, I am sure, but when? I believe it was at the time of the Crichel Down affair in the 1950s, when a cabinet minister, Sir William Dugdale, resigned over a scandalous matter in which he was entirely innocent; the whole blame lay with some civil servants who had deliberately deceived him. His probity, however, was such that although no blame lay at his door, he felt obliged to resign, though his colleagues tried to dissuade him. He would not be dissuaded, and his resignation ended his political career.

Nous avons changé tout cela. Today, to be obliged to resign, a cabinet minister has to be found sucking illicit toes, and lesser ministers have to be found taking lunch with the representatives of figures wanted for interview by the Serious Fraud Office. Losing the nation several billion pounds (see Black Wednesday) leads only to awesomely high office — high enough, indeed, to be in a position to lose the nation even more at the press of a button, and any suggestion that a head or two should have rolled at that time would be met with genuine puzzlement.

If I am right and the practise of No Resignation sprang up at that time or a little after, I am quite sure that the first signs of it took the shape of what has become a commonplace throughout our system, not only among the politicians. It is what I call the Pepper's Ghost resignation, after the famous music-hall trick in which a man vanishes and returns. Pepper's Ghost goes like this: a minister, say, or a very high figure in a business, or a member of the board of a bank, or perhaps even a bishop, makes a gigantic and irretrievable mistake, well calculated to bring ruin *upon whatever the enterprise may be.* He goes to the boss and "offers his resignation"; note the exact words, because they are important. His boss — an old pal, of course, else the trick won't work — *thinks it over*, and "refuses the resignation". The culprit leaves without a stain on his character other than the ones he had on him when he came in.

Pepper's Ghost is now practically ubiquitous in societies like ours; for many years no one has said, or indeed thought of saying, that if a man is honest in his resignation all he has to do is to kiss his secretary, give the keys back, and walk out. (The half-million quid he gets with a nod and a wink can be settled later when the heat's off, but that is another matter.) There are, of course, sackings in businesses, but for any two dozen sacked deputy managing directors of city firms, there is only one in the public sector who goes unwillingly.

Remember the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development — colloquially known as Attali's Palace? It took the scandal of Jacques Attali's £600,000 a year for his flights in private aircraft, not to mention the bills from Annabel's, to unseat him. But what was much more fascinating was M Attali's repeated refusal to admit that there was anything wrong (not criminally wrong, which does not enter the story at all) with his spending countless millions on his vanity, when the duty of the organisation he headed was to give help to the bankrupt and devastated lands of the former Soviet Union. (Never fear; M Mitterrand has found him a very cushy billet.)

Mind you, M Attali was not the only one to think along those lines. Mr Ronald ("call me Ron") Freeman, the deputy president, could pretty well match M Attali in the matter of refusing to admit that there might be something amiss in the bank and what was being spent on it. He went on like *that so long that I had* a few words on the subject, *viz.*:

> He epitomises what is perhaps the most striking and most odious aspect of this whole stinking story; the absolute refusal *to apologise, to admit error, to take any* measure of responsibility, to exhibit, or even to feel, shame . . . "The shareholders didn't object," he whined. "The building was costed," he bleated. "All this will diffuse energies that could be spent on the work we have to do," he sweated. "There is undoubtedly some political motivation to the criticism," he wailed . . . But one word of remorse, one word of culpability, one word even of human error — no such word *was employed* . . .

At Attali's Palace, nobody suffered terrible bodily harm or mental anguish. At the Birmingham bone cancer unit there was — we do not yet know how many, and we may never know — a large number of people who suffered one or both of those calamities. Indeed, an extra misery has been introduced: on the very morrow of publication of the report, some spavined ox took it upon himself, in the name of South Birmingham health authority, to make clear that the sufferers, physical or psychological, may have to fight for compensation. Hear the ox in question:

> We are not starting off with the attitude that we are resisting or fighting claims. But it is impossible to say whether every *claim made by everybody could or would* be met. It depends on what they are claiming and if in their case medical negligence is demonstrated.

So far, no one has yet taken any blame, though many of the players in this grim game of tag are clearly ready to shift blame to others. But my point is not that a man-made or woman-made disaster has taken place under the wing of the South Birmingham health authority. It is not even that the disaster could have been avoided if the doctors had been willing to look at their buddies' work a little more thoroughly. It is that once upon a time, if a disaster took place, the perpetrator (after all, we are not talking about madmen who poison wells) would step forward and speak, in contrition.

Are you old enough to know what the name Aberfan denotes? It was the worst mining disaster in this country's history, and there was a Labour MP, innocent of any contribution to the tragedy, who convinced himself that he had somehow helped to cause the deaths; *when the enquiry was going on, he had* to be gently shut up from insisting that he bore some kind of responsibility.

That was going a good deal too far. But take a look at the steaming midden called Matrix-Churchill. Do you think, Lord Justice Scott or no Lord Justice Scott, that any of those in the gang who put their ministerial names to the cover-up are going to come out smelling of anything but *eau de cologne*, with, of course, the Attorney-General, as his high office demands, going a step further and being bathed in the scent of attar of roses?

If we cannot bring back the days when people in authority carried the can (nowadays they deny that there is a can to carry), perhaps we should hark back to an even earlier time. Lynching would be too much, but how about the stocks? No? Well, certainly, whenever we come across a Pepper's Ghost resignation, we can make such a clamour that in time we could end the practise entirely. "In dreams begins responsibility", says Yeats. It's about time some of these people woke up.

Yeltsin's nagging deputy

Anne McElvoy asks: is Rutskoi right about Russia?

A poignant flashback accompanied the evening television report on Wednesday after Boris Yeltsin announced the suspension of his rebellious vice-president, Aleksandr Rutskoi, from office. It showed Mr Rutskoi behind the barricades of the Moscow White House during the August coup, striding forward to wave a giant Russian flag. In the background, President Yeltsin looked on, smiling proudly. The message was clear: the president and vice-president of the Russian Federation were standing together resolutely against the coup and for the interests of their country in the face of the last, fated assault of the old Soviet order.

Two years on, the appealing alliance of Mr Yeltsin, gruff veteran of grass-roots combat with the party apparatus, and Mr Rutskoi, dashing hero of the Afghan war, is in tatters. No one still believes in a steady Kremlin with Mr Yeltsin appealing to supporters of radical change, and Mr Rutskoi keeping in tow the moderate conservatives who, while pleased to be rid of the Soviet Union, are anxious to maintain strong central government in Moscow.

The two men are now involved in a mud-slinging match, each alleging corruption by the other. This is a continuation by dirtier means of a political quarrel that has intensified over the past year, and which is a paradigm of the inescapable choices facing Russia.

Mr Rutskoi is disappointed with Mr Yeltsin's support for a swift, painful transition to the free market. He claims that reforms have impoverished the country, turning it into a lackey of the West, reduced to accepting finance from the International Monetary Fund, which he calls "the free cheese in the mousetrap". The reforms, he says, have made Russia "an economic and political garbage heap". He points to the depletion of people's savings by inflation, the poverty of the old and spiralling economic crime and violence, and adds that the Kremlin is failing to defend Russian interests in foreign policy.

Mr Yeltsin, for all his vagaries, mismanagements and lapses of judgment, continues to back privatisation and the withdrawal of the state from the economy. He believes that a new model will eventually emerge from the chaos, enabling Russia to make the most of its under-exploited resources and to join the prosperous world. There is a lot of drift, but the free-market show remains on the road. As far as Russian foreign policy is concerned, Mr Yeltsin growls but does not bite, and has not departed from the Western camp even under the stern trial of Yugoslav conflict.

Who is right? This week's showdown comes at the beginning of the political season and in the wake of a rather muted marking of the coup. Russians are drawing up balance sheets about Mr Yeltsin's successes and failures.

Mr Rutskoi's utterances on the state of *the country will find echoes in the tired* hearts of ordinary citizens watching dubious businessmen acquire ever-larger American cars while they struggle to fill the larder until the next pay day. They felt the shock of seeing their savings wiped out by inflation, and the therapy is lagging a long way behind. Privatisation is proceeding well, but tends to benefit those who by virtue of old connections had access to the enterprises involved. As Anatoly Chubais, minister for privatisation, remarked, "property in Russia belongs to whoever is standing nearest to it".

Despite the incurable interest of politicians and the intelligentsia in the fate of Russia as a great power, this is not the strand of Mr Rutskoi's thinking that concerns most people just now. His criticisms of economic strategy and failure of the government to take control of law and order are more relevant to the general experience of post-communist life. Mr Yeltsin's team has succeeded in breaking down many of the old social structures, but has failed to substitute the controls of civil society. These are days of robber barons, and Russian capitalism is a brutish affair bringing hardship and uncertainty in its wake.

The vice-president is quite right to point out the feebleness of the government's response to these realities, and particularly its failure to tackle graft in its own ranks and in foreign trade. But his remedies are frightening in their arrogant naïvety. He speaks of the need to "restore order", as if such a desirable state could be imposed overnight without endangering the new economic and political freedoms which are the real successes of Mr Yeltsin's tenure. Mr Rutskoi's image of the international community offering financial aid as a trap betrays his deep-seated conviction that Russia's interests run counter to those of the West. He harps on the need to keep up industrial output, without considering what is being produced and whether it is useful or competitive.

Mr Yeltsin's strategy now appears to be the pursuit of early parliamentary elections, in order to lessen the legislature's retarding influence on reform, and in return to put his own position to an early vote too. Mr Rutskoi may well choose to stand against him, giving the electorate the chance to decide whose vision it prefers. The weaknesses and contradictions in Mr Rutskoi's rival programme are evident, but the president would be wise to listen to his eloquent grumbles. They reflect the nagging dissatisfactions of many of the voters who will ultimately decide his fate. It is Boris Yeltsin's luck that his renegade deputy is a man who poses good questions but gives bad answers.

Making a sash of it

FOREIGN protocol has its dangers, as the Duke of Edinburgh will testify. He upset the Hungarians earlier this year with an aside about pot-bellies, he infuriated the Chinese in 1986 by joking about "slitty eyes", and now he has offended the Belgians.

At the funeral of King Baudouin in Brussels last month, he wore a smart sash of green with red and gold stripes. Unfortunately, it was the wrong one. When he should have been wearing Belgium's Order of Leopold he picked out Zaire's Order of the Leopard. Zaire's president Mobutu was the only person, it is said, whom Baudouin specifically wished to have excluded from his funeral.

Some will argue it was simply a pitfall of Buckingham Palace's alphabetical filing system. But the *less generous will point out that* the sash he should have been wearing is bright red and so virtually impossible to confuse with the other.

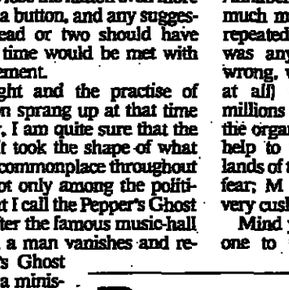
The mistake shocked the Belgians present at the service in St Michael's Cathedral. "Everyone knew he was wearing the wrong one," says one. "It was such an inappropriate choice — Zaire no longer has any link with Belgium. He might as well have been wearing Romanian colours."

The gaffe was highlighted this week by the Belgian satirical paper *Le Père Ubu*, but confusion seems to reign in Buckingham Palace. Admitting that it was "a rather unfortunate error", a source insists that Prince Philip was wearing the "sash of the military division of the order of Leopold — from the old Belgian Congo".

Lord St John of Fawsley argues that the sash was unimportant: "If you have as many decorations as he does, it is easy to mistake them. The important thing is that he took the trouble to go."



● *More on that watch. Michael Mates, interviewed for Radio 4's* Talking Politics *this Saturday, says what he really regrets is not so much giving Asil Nadir a watch as the expense of inscribing it. "I very nearly didn't put the inscription on, because it cost more than the watch. They said, 'That'll be another £32', and I said, 'Oh my God, really?' 'Oh yes, it's very hard metal,' I was told. I was on the point of telling them to forget it when I thought, no, that's part of the point. Now that is a regret."*



Pottering off

CAN the BBC be exacting revenge on its most ardent critics? An early BBC play by Dennis Potter, who last week labelled its chairman and director general a pair of "croak-voiced daleks" provoking "fear and loathing", has been lost.

Message for Posterity, shown as a Wednesday Play by the BBC in 1967, is said to have been inspired by Sir Winston Churchill's horror at the portrait of himself by the late Sir Graham Sutherland. Now the play has surfaced on a list of 20 "key missing programmes" compiled by the British Film Institute, which is determined to recover the "lost treasures".

The BBC denies any link, however, between the missing play and Potter's more recent drama, his speech at the Edinburgh TV Festival. "No, in those days they used to reuse the tapes: it was probably erased," says a spokesman. "They didn't have the attitude to archiving that we have now." Nor, perhaps, the same attitude to Dennis Potter.

Plastered?

BEN PIMLOTT, the left-wing professor at Birkbeck College and biographer of Harold Wilson, is turning his hand to royalty. The historian of the Labour party and trade union movement is to write *The Monarch*, a biography of the Queen for which HarperCollins has paid £100,000. The book will concentrate on the Queen's relationship with her prime ministers.

The news emerged yesterday as Pimlott was toasting the man who earned him the huge advance, his agent Giles Gordon. More than 50 of Gordon's authors, fellow agents and publishers gathered in the Groucho Club at a surprise party thrown by Carmen Callil, publisher-at-large for Random House, which has just published Gordon's memoirs.

While Pimlott kept a low profile, Gordon, who bobbled in with a leg in plaster, was completely taken aback. "He thought he was going for a quiet lunch with Carmen. He nearly fell off his crutch," says Robert Kirby, his assistant.

Panting from panto

HOW will Radio 2 manage? Ellen Jameson, who presents the evening programme *The Jamesons* with husband Derek, is to appear in her first pantomime this year. She will spend a month dressed as a fairy, playing the Spirit of the Greenwood in *Babes in the Wood* at Brighton's Theatre Royal.

Theatre Royal regulars have Barbara Windsor to thank. According to Jameson, it was the former *Carry On star who first spot*ted her talent. Jameson says: "She was on our show last year, after playing the fairy godmother at Brighton. She said she never realised I had such long legs. She went to the theatre manager, and a while later he wrote to me saying, 'Barbara's right about the long legs', and asked if I was serious."

With the pantomime cutting across Christmas, Jameson is not sure whether to cancel festivities completely or drop in for a quick mince pie after the matinee. She is sure, however, that she will be able to join her husband at the microphone. "My last part is at 9.20 pm. I'll drive straight to London and should make it shortly after the programme has started. I just hope they don't call for encores."

Family portraits

ANOTHER artistic dynasty is in the making. Next week Rowan Joffé, son of the film director Roland Joffé, opens his first one-man exhibition in Chelsea. Joffé, who describes his paintings as a "cross between Klimt and Lucian Freud", will be exhibiting his portraits at the Stephen Bartley Gallery.

About to start his second year reading English at Oxford, Joffé, whose father made *The Mission*, *City of Joy* and *The Killing Fields*, evidently has ambitions. He says: "I would really like to invent a new medium that brings people closer to the truth about life."

On a humbler note, he admits a debt to his father. "What I admire most is his determination and lifestyle, and he has taught me the importance of realising ambitions. I remember him drawing when I was a child — storyboards, doodles, Christmas cards. He is a very competent draughtsman."

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THE REED SNAPS

Western pressure can and must secure a better Bosnian deal

The breakdown of the Geneva talks on partitioning Bosnia-Herzegovina is bad news for Slobodan Milosevic, Serbia's president, and the Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic. The settlement brokered by Lord Owen offered both the prospect of an end to UN sanctions on Serbia and, by leaving the bulk of Bosnian Serb conquests in the hands of the conquerors, a giant step towards Greater Serbia. It is bad news for Croatia's Franjo Tudjman, for whom the Bosnian war has been gain without pain. It is bad news for Western governments, who have relied on Lord Owen to throw the camouflage of negotiated "peace" over the reality of a massive defeat for international law and European stability. It is, for the moment, terrible news for the country's war-weary, driven civilians.

Yet this latest failure of diplomacy, a year to the day after the Vance-Owen mediation was launched, was surely predictable. And it must be judged a disaster only if lasting good would have come of success. Lord Owen himself would not claim that the existing map of what he has called "a peace made in hell" fulfils his pledge that the rump state allocated to the Bosnian government side would be a viable entity, or that the proposed "union" was more than an ante-chamber to final dismemberment. With its indefensible corridors linking fragmentary pockets of territory, the Bosnian Muslim portion resembles a child's drawing of a starving Martian. In the real world, it would have similarly bleak chances of survival. The remarkable proposal to put the city of Mostar under the protection of the European Community, which cannot even control its own farmers, glaringly exposes the fictional quality of this peace at any price.

Maps and constitutions, as Lord Owen to his credit has said all along, are worth precisely what the international community, in this case Nato, would be prepared to invest in turning them into reality. This week, President Clinton said that he would contribute American ground forces only if the Bosnian settlement was "fair", supported by the Bosnian government and deemed "enforceable" by the Pentagon. It is hard to believe that the Pentagon would so have judged it, even with the wider corridors between the "safe areas" in Eastern Bosnia agreed to at the last minute by the Serbs.

The breakdown is unlikely to be final: all parties need peace, and each leader has reason to fear the erosion of his authority over local bandit warriors. But before talks resume, Russia and the West both can and must increase economic and diplomatic pressure on Serbia and Croatia. In the belief that Bosnia will be carved in two by Croat and Serb if it is not divided in three, Lord Owen has exerted maximum leverage on the vanquished. The reed was bent so far that it broke, but not before the Bosnian government and the Serbs had reached fairly detailed agreements on exchanges of prisoners, reopening communications and restoring utilities to service.

A viable, even if hardly equitable, settlement is still possible. But it will require more flexibility from the Serbs, who must not only meet the Muslim side's entirely reasonable demands for further territory in northwestern Bosnia but cede defensibly wide links between central and eastern Bosnia. The growing effectiveness of the economic stranglehold on Serbia makes that less unrealistic than Lord Owen pretends. But it was Mr Tudjman's refusal to agree to include the Adriatic port of Neum in the Bosnian Muslim territory which was the final straw. His objection that this would cut Dubrovnik off from the rest of Croatia is spurious. This would have been equally true if Neum remained in "independent" Bosnian Croat hands within the proposed union. It merely proves his intention of swallowing the Bosnian Croat entity. He must yield Neum: without a secure outlet to the sea, the mainly Muslim state would be his landlocked prisoner.

If extracting these "concessions" takes some weeks more, so be it. For all the television footage of stalled convoys, most aid is getting through. The success of UN troops in ensuring the survival of civilians is a success amid failure and must be subject to no unwarranted failure of nerve or will. The volume of aid must absolutely be increased, precarious peace held at least in most sectors and the UN's presence firmly established in Mostar. As Mr Clinton said yesterday, if shelling and the obstruction of convoys resumes, Nato's decision to use air power is "very much alive". Lord Owen's prediction of mass starvation need not come true. The map would never have come true either.

THE GUN TURNS

The growth of Loyalist violence is a serious development

The brutal Belfast murder of Jim Peacock by Loyalist gunmen this week was the 29th assassination of a prison officer in Northern Ireland since 1968. Yet this was only the second occasion on which a prison officer has been killed by Protestant paramilitaries. There could be no more alarming symbol of the self-destructive forces stirring in the loyalist community.

The vast majority of law-abiding Protestants in Northern Ireland will be appalled by the wretched manner in which Mr Peacock was gunned down before his family. But for the growing minority supportive of violent paramilitary organisations such as the Ulster Volunteer Force and the Ulster Freedom Fighters, it marks a fundamental shift of attitude. Mr Peacock's murder followed allegations by the UVF that loyalist inmates were being poorly treated at the Maze prison. Respect for the agencies of law and order has always been a foundation of unionism. Now, eight years after the Anglo-Irish agreement gave Dublin a stake in the management of the province, Loyalists' trust in those that guard their turbulent communities is fading fast.

The "battle on two fronts", long dreaded by the security forces, is now a reality. The threat of unionist violence has always been a potent force in the province, scuppering Home Rule before the First World War and the Sunningdale Agreement in 1974. But the current wave of paramilitary terrorism is different, the product of desperation rather than determination. As unionist faith in the political process in the North has declined, so the men of violence have seized the initiative.

Of the 85 killings in Ulster last year, the IRA was responsible for 30 and Protestant groups for 39. In the past, the security forces have found Loyalist groups comparatively easy to penetrate. That task has become much harder as a new, less identifiable paramilitary leadership has emerged and recruitment has increased. Financed by organised crime, Loyalist terrorists are now arming themselves more systematically and already have arsenals of guns and grenades. Although they appear not to have mastered detonation techniques, Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, has conceded that groups such as the UVF probably already have explosives.

This development should disturb all who are involved in the future of the North. The more that Loyalist despair grows at the grass roots, the less purpose there will be to the talks on the future of the province. The British government needs to do much more to reassure unionists that the Anglo-Irish agreement is not a high road to reunification with the Republic — assuming, of course, that this suspicion is unfounded. Loyalist violence has fed on the uncertainty spawned by the agreement; it should not be allowed to flourish further.

The government in the Republic, likewise, must not underestimate the seriousness of this new threat. Its enthusiasm to loosen border controls would no doubt diminish sharply if Loyalist paramilitaries began a serious campaign of cross-border raiding, as they have often threatened. The South cannot afford to exclude unionist fury from its calculations about the future of North-South relations any more than the unionists can ignore the interests of the Cathlic minority in Ulster. Yet it is the Loyalist terrorists themselves who are most deluded. Their actions will only increase the mounting pressure upon British politicians to wash their hands entirely of the Irish dilemma; to imitate the IRA's tactics is to play into its hands.

WINE MERCHANTS UNCORKED

A sorry tale of bitter "vinous medicines"

The *Which? Wine Guide* has put a boot in to the country's wine merchants who, they say, adopt "a patronising attitude to their customers". This conclusion, as thousands of British vinipotes will confirm, does not break the slightest bit of new ground.

There is, it must be conceded, a small band of wine merchants who are tolerant, chivalrous, patient and accommodating. They are, however, being outnumbered by the horrid hordes of oeno-cads, afflicted by the phylloxera of discourtesy and disdain.

"The blood of grapes" is too precious to be left to the wine merchant or his co-conspirator, the *sommelier*. A battle is to be fought, with control of wine the honeyed prize. Wine has given much to man. It has inspired invention, animated religion, made men vociferous, nourished beliefs, kindled wrath, provoked love and lust and softened hard beds. It was not meant to reside in the masonic clutches of a coterie. Deliver us from those who worship vintage charts, and obfuscate unhelpfully. If the oak in the wine is assertive so, too, must the customer be.

"If outlaws hatch a conspiracy in the house of a wine-seller, and he does not arrest them and bring them to the palace, he shall be put to death". It would, on reflection, be impolitic to advocate such treatment for wine merchants today, even for those marinated in snoot and snobbery. It is possible for Everyman to refute their sneer by going for the jugular, which, in this case, means going to the supermarket.

The democratisation of wine, already in partial swing, must be encouraged. The supermarket, with its rows of mutely complaisant bottles is the perfect antidote to encounters with wine merchants of orotund speech and hectoring mien. The customer — humble quaffer and oenophile alike — is underling no more. With supermarkets has come manumission. Wine drinkers of the world unite, you have nothing to lose but your wine merchants.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Universities as sheep and goats

From Mr Robert Walls

Sir, Mr Russell Vallance (letter, August 31) says that "previously well regarded polytechnics" have, since the latest reforms in higher education, "been consigned to the realms of the unreal and improper".

For many years I have dealt with telephone callers asking about vacancies in the clearing process. This year I am conscious of what seems a significantly greater reluctance to consider the new universities than when they were polytechnics.

The polytechnics were seen, not always accurately, as offering something different, whereas the new universities are perceived as inferior versions of the old. Secondly, with almost 30 per cent of school-leavers going on to higher education, it is obvious that the intellectual demands of all degree courses, and the value placed on them by employers, cannot be even vaguely similar. Parents and students simply do not believe the official "equality" theory.

In all other countries where there is mass higher education there are very clear pecking orders. We are seeing the development of a similar process here. Students who hope to obtain A levels with reasonable grades are concentrating their applications on a few "prestige" universities, which are overwhelmed in popular subjects, such as English, drama and history.

It is this that results in hysteria in the press, not a shortage of places in the entire system. I suspect that anyone with two Ds will get an arts place somewhere if he or she wants it, while many of the least popular science departments require little more than a regular pulse and the ability to count to ten.

I believe the situation will be worse next year. Many of the sixth-form tutors I have talked to have told me that the abolition of separate application systems for old and new universities will result in most of their students applying for eight "old" universities, rather than five "old" and three or four "new" ones as they did in previous years.

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From Professor R. M. Pittilo

Sir, Mr Russell Vallance, who questioned how a "new" university could receive finance for high-level research, will have done little to assure those in the former polytechnics that the award of a research grant is based on merit alone. When I referee grant applications the criteria for recommending funding are based on the quality of the application and an assurance that the resources to undertake the work will be in place if an award is made.

Whether the application is from a traditional or new university is immaterial.

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One degree under?

From Mr Andrew Turek

Sir, Good luck to Michael Evans's son at Luton ("Somewhere, a place for us", September 1). But a degree course in English without Shakespeare or Chaucer sounds like a medical school course where they only teach from the waist up.

Yours sincerely,
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Out of one's depth

From Dr Tony Rice

Sir, Your fascinating report (August 23) on the Ocean Everest expedition, the objective of which is to "fly" to the bottom of the ocean at a depth of 11 kilometres, contained some curious anachronisms.

The article pointed out, quite correctly, that "once, scientists thought that no life could exist so far below the surface . . . ", but went on to say that "this has been challenged by recent research". In fact, no oceanographer worth his salt has doubted the existence of life at the bottom of the deepest oceans. A wide variety of animals were dredged from abyssal depths in the 1870s — hardly recent.

On the other hand, while the expedition might well discover new species of animals, as the article suggests, it would be remarkable indeed if they discovered new plants, another suggestion. These depend for their existence upon photosynthesis and are therefore restricted to the sunlit upper few tens of metres of the ocean. This, too, is something that has been well known to oceanographers for over 100 years.

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Godalming, Surrey.
August 25.

New life blood for a healthy society

From Professor R. T. D. Oliver

Sir, Two recent articles in *The Times* have reminded us of the hybrid invigorating effect of new blood in society. The first (August 28) was an editorial on the Notting Hill carnival and the contribution of cultural cross-fertilisation to the new music of our inner cities. The second was your report (September 1) of an account delivered to the British Association meeting at Keele of the risks of genetic illness that can result from marriages inside ethnic minority communities between parents closely related by blood.

As my children have grandparents from four European tribal groups, I often ponder on what defines an ethnic group — i.e., the genes or the culture. Even today many "true blue" Afrikaaner families have some negroid genes and produce an occasional negroid child; at its peak of influence the apartheid race classification board had to classify more than 700 people a year.

I wonder how good the Serbs, the Bosnians and Croatians are at separating their flocks. Perhaps the setting up of an ethnic classification board by the UN would distract the combatants from their mindless ethnic cleansing.

In the past the Jews and the British and Saudi royal families, as well as the Labrador dog, have all learnt to their cost the damaging defects produced by in-breeding. Graeme Hick, Linford Christie and Daley Thompson show that UK sports teams have benefited as much as our musicians from a little hybrid vigour.

Perhaps violence in Ireland could be reduced by the encouragement of a little more hybrid mixing of both inbred communities. Since the days of Oliver Cromwell neither North nor South has had the level of immigration seen in the south of England. A little leavening of refugees from Bosnia or from Hong Kong might make a useful contribution to enterprise in their society.

Yours sincerely,
TIM OLIVER,
The Royal London Trust,
The Royal London Hospital,
Whitechapel, E1.
September 2.

From Professor Emeritus Kenneth Kirkwood

Sir, The need for clear recognition of the formidable religious dimension in ethnicity and ethnic conflict, and the accompanying necessity for tolerance, have never been more urgent (letters, August 24). Simon Jenkins's discourse ("The melting pot bubbles over", August 18) on the continuing, threatening potency of forces identified by anthropologists is welcome if it reminds statesmen and politicians of the fundamental importance of tolerance.

For 2,000 years Christians, for example, have quoted explicit exhortations on the subject. Similar texts are to be found in all major faiths. Yet "Catholic", "Orthodox" and "Muslim" remain labels for warring Bosnians of the same stock; "Protestants" and "Catholics" for hostile Irish factions; "Jews" and "Muslims" in Jerusalem; "Hindus", "Sikhs" and "Muslims" in south Asia . . .

Enlightened religious leaders have too little influence: student leaders also, it would seem. In 1956 undergraduates at Oxford were moved to launch a university-wide Joint Action Committee Against Racial Intolerance (Jacari) which confronted religious bigotry among its other actions. But such endeavours are intermittent. The perennial, indeed constant, renewal of effort is essential if humankind is to survive.

Yours truly,
KENNETH KIRKWOOD,
233 Woodstock Road, Oxford.

Rhyme and reason

From Mr Alan Brownjohn

Sir, I am sad that esteemed poets (and valued friends) like Fleur Adcock and Roger McGough (report, "Pens sharpened in battle of poets", August 26) should question the purpose of those of us who want to see the Poetry Society's wider membership (not just those who can attend an annual general meeting) allowed a postal vote to elect the controlling general council. If it wished, the membership could judge the present management to be adequate and reappoint it. Should it not have the chance?

You report the Arts Council's critical appraisal of the society's management and the threat of the withdrawal of the £148,000 grant. That appraisal followed an equally adverse interim assessment in 1991. Failure to heed that warning resulted in the forced sale of large premises and the move to a drastically smaller office last year.

Members were not kept informed of either appraisal, except through the medium of alert journalism. For management to talk of "factions" is grossly inaccurate, and anyway no excuse. There are no poetic or personality factions involved, only the differences between critics who deplored the ever-mounting losses shown in the annual reports and a management constantly instructing them to be silent for fear of rocking the boat.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN BROWNJOHN
(Chairman of the Poetry Society, 1982-8),
As from: 2 Belsize Park, NW3.

From Ms Aedamair Cleary

Sir, "Pens sharpened in battle of poets": how telling words are. The present deputy chairman of the Poetry Society is reported as saying that, had the council not been "riven by factions", then its role would have been more "aggressively promoted". Fleur Adcock speaks of "malicious damage", and Roger McGough appears with a light touch to impugn recent members of the council.

I am a life-long lover of poetry, a teacher of it, and a member of the society. It was, I think, founded by amateurs. How, I wonder, may one promote its role "aggressively"?

I am, Sir, yours,
AEDAMAIR CLEARY
(Proprietor and Editor, *Thames Poetry*),
160 High Road,
Wealdstone, Harrow, Middlesex.

Good ideas abroad

From Mr David L. Thomas

Sir, They do things differently overseas, not always better, but sometimes procedures and practice are so transparently worthy that the failure to introduce them here is baffling. There are many examples.

In France self-adhesive postage stamps have been available for some time in the popular values. Their adhesion is better and they are much more hygienic than licked ones.

The technology is accessible and while initially more expensive than the present Post Office product, this would be an appropriate way to spend some of its £283 million pre-tax profit announced recently.

The US Post Office uses right-hand-drive delivery vehicles. This is safer for the driver since it allows him or her to alight directly on to the pavement/sidewalk rather than stepping out into traffic.

As the driver does not have to keep walking round the front or rear of the vehicle it is quicker and thus more efficient. Why doesn't the British Post Office use left-hand drive vehicles to achieve the same advantages?

Most US states allow a right-hand turn at traffic lights when these show red provided it is safe so to do. Problem junctions are signed: "No right turn on red." This eases congestion and reduces delay and frustration and would appear to be quite safe so long as the rules are understood — in the UK, for left-hand turns, of course. The same applies to overtaking in any lane on multi-lane highways. What prevents these sensible practices from being introduced in the UK?

Now that our army is being reduced, should we not examine the value of adopting at least a modified form of Swiss national defence? Apart from the vastly increased reserve defence potential in an increasingly unstable world, the social benefits would be enormous.

I look forward to reading, in due course, why all the above ideas are quite impractical — however successful abroad.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID THOMAS,
Akroyd Cottage, Abbey Park Lane,
Burnham, Buckinghamshire.

Libel damages

From Mr Martin B. Smith

Sir, Mr Roy Greenslade ("Libel laws make us a laughing stock", Media, August 11) suggests that Americans are choosing to sue for libel in "British" courts because they are assured of far greater damages there than would be the case in their own country. This may be so as regards English courts; but in Scotland the law of libel is interpreted quite differently.

In Scotland a pursuer (or plaintiff, as he or she is known south of the border) is required to state the amount of damages claimed at the time the action is raised. The vast majority of libel cases are decided by a single judge rather than by a jury, and in the few jury cases the judge directs the jury as to a suitable award of damages. In England, juries fix damages without adequate direction from the judge and seem not to rely on precedent.

Presumably the only reason why the actions to which Mr Greenslade refers are raised in England is that plaintiffs realise that they have a sporting chance of receiving huge sums if they are successful. Raising such an action in Scotland would not be worth their while, even if they had the grounds, since the largest ever award for solatium (damage to an individual's feelings) made in the Scottish courts is £60,000. Prior to that it was £8,000.

If the English system was the same as ours Americans would not be flocking to raise actions in London.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN B. SMITH,
Bannatyne, Kirkwood,
France & Co (solicitors),
136 West George Street, Glasgow 2.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 071-782 5046.

Fear of poison risk in farming dips

From the Countess of Mar

Sir, Your leader, "Taking the air", and the article by Richard North, "Poisoning the wells of science" (both August 21), highlight a problem which should be of major concern.

Organo-phosphate (OP) insecticides for animal treatment were introduced in the early 1960s, but were not generally used until residues from organo-chlorine products were detected. As in the case of warble-fly dressings, the Ministry of Agriculture produced a list of sheep dips which were approved for the control of sheep scab and fly strike.

Only two products did not contain OPs and these were very much more expensive. In the late 1980s it became clear that a large number of sheep farmers and others associated with the sheep industry were suffering from symptoms attributable to chronic OP poisoning. I became a victim in 1989 after some dip splashed into my gumboot.

Instances of suspected adverse reactions to veterinary medicines, of which sheep dip is one, should be reported to the veterinary medicines directorate. Over 400 such reactions have been reported since 1985. This would appear to be just the tip of the iceberg, not least because of the failure of the medical profession to recognise or diagnose OP poisoning. As a result there are possibly thousands of members of the agricultural community who are now suffering chronic ill health and a reduced quality of life without knowing the cause.

For the past year I have repeatedly questioned the government about the safety of OP products, particularly sheep dips. Their response has consistently been that "as long as the recommended protective clothing is worn there is no evidence of damage to human health" — this despite a statement in the Health and Safety Executive guidance note MS17, published in 1981 and revised in 1987: "OP formulations based on organic solvents are liable to penetrate protective clothing unless contamination is washed off promptly."

Evidence from known sufferers implicates inhalation as a major route of exposure. This is accepted by at least one manufacturer, but there has never been any firm recommendation for respiratory protection.

Whilst the government accepts that OPs cause acute illness, commonly called "dipping flu", it seems extremely reluctant to accept chronic illness caused by repeated, low-level exposure, and will not do so until there is sound scientific evidence. Current research projects are all, with one exception, based upon proving that contamination cannot occur if recommended protective clothing is worn.

OPs appear to have been introduced without proper testing for their effects upon humans. Nobody knows what is the minimum dose the human system can tolerate. So far as I know, nobody has bothered to conduct a proper study of those who attribute their symptoms of illness to exposure to OPs to ascertain cause and effect.

Unless the government can be persuaded to abandon its "official diagnosis", that it is the users' fault, and to withdraw the licences for these products until they are proved to be absolutely safe for both humans and animals, there is little hope for those who have been exposed to OPs or for those who may be exposed in the future.

Yours faithfully,
MAR,
House of Lords.

Put it in writing

From Mr C. W. Koenigsberger

Sir, The ethos of today prefers oral to written communication — an unhealthy development which exacerbates most administrative disputes.

The consultants in the Birmingham cancer row (report, August 28) say they told the administration (in the person of Dr Todd) about their worries. She denies it. On the assumption that their assertion is true, the consultants are in my opinion nonetheless at fault because they failed to communicate their worries in writing and to retain the evidence of having done so.

Yours faithfully,
C. W. KOENIGSBERGER,
15 Straffan Lodge,
1 Belsize Grove, NW3.
August 28.

Just the ticket

From Mr Victor Carter

Sir, I wonder whether other passengers face the same challenge as we do in Burgess Hill. Our railway station is in the compulsory ticket area. We have a poster saying: "Before going on to the platform you must have with you a valid ticket to your destination."

Given the erratic opening hours of the ticket office, this could be a problem. However, there is no difficulty as we have automatic ticket-vending machines — on the platform.

Yours faithfully,
V. CARTER,
16 Silverdale Road,
Burgess Hill, West Sussex.
September 1.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

September 2: The Prince Edward, Patron, this evening attended a Performance of *Amphibious Spangulatos* by the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain at Greenwich Theatre, Croom's Hill, Greenwich, London SE10.

Mrs Richard Warburton was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

September 2: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Anglian Regiment, today received Major General Michael Walker, Deputy Colonel of the Regiment and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Horrell, Commanding Officer of the 5th Battalion.

Appointments

Legal

To be Standing Counsel (Criminal) to the Inland Revenue on the South Eastern Circuit (Outside London): Charles Miskin, Anthony Leonard and Robin Tam.

To be Standing Counsel (Criminal) to the Department of Trade and Industry: Lindsay Burn, Nicholas Hilliard and Peter Gower.

Naval

Lieutenant Commander Mike Cheshire is to take over from Lt Cdr David Harris as commanding officer of HMS *Victory*. Lt Cdr *Harris is retiring from the navy.*

Birthdays today

Mr Geoff Arnold, cricketer, 49; Air Marshal Sir Erik Bennett, 65; Dr Clare Burstall, educationist, 62; Miss Pauline Collins, actress, 53; Professor R. Cowell, vice-chancellor, *Nottingham Trent University*, 56; Dr Francis Duffy, president, Royal Institute of British Architects, 53; the Rev A.H.H. Harbottle, Chaplain to The Queen, 68; *Mr Al Jardine, singer*, 51; Mr Graham Kentfield, chief cashier, Bank of England, 53; Mr Richard MacCormac, former president, Royal Institute of British Architects, 55; Miss Susan Milan, flautist, 46; Sir Michael Neubert, MP, 60; the Right Rev V.S. Nicholls, former Bishop of Sodor and Man, 76; Mrs Marion Rawlings, former president, Royal Pharmaceutical Society, 69; Sir Mark Russell, diplomat, 64; M Gaston Thorn, former Prime Minister of Luxembourg, 65; Miss Raquel Welch, actress, 53.



Alison Lurie, the writer, is 67 today



MICHAEL POWELL

The Yorkshire artist Tom Wood, right, discusses his portrait of Alan Bennett with the actor Nigel Hawthorne, who unveiled it at the National Portrait Gallery in London yesterday. The occasion also celebrated the start of a National Theatre tour of Bennett's *The Madness of George III* in the USA

Memorial services

The King of the Belgians

A memorial service for the King of the Belgians will be held at 12.15 pm on Tuesday, September 7, at St Mary's, Cadogan Street.

Earl Cawdor

A memorial service for Hugh John Vaughan, 6th Earl Cawdor, will be held at 11am on September 6 at St James's, Spanish Place, W1.

Lord Kadoorie

A memorial service for The Right Hon the Lord Kadoorie will be held at the Ohel Leah Synagogue, 70 Robinson Road, Hong Kong, at 12 noon on Friday, September 3, 1993.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Jewish Benevolent Society or the Community Chest of Hong Kong.

The Right Rev H.J. Carpenter

A memorial service for the Right Rev Harry James Carpenter, Bishop of Oxford 1955-70, will be held in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, at 2.30pm on Saturday, October 2.

Dom Antony Tumelty

On Wednesday, September 1, the Very Rev Dom Mark Jabalé, Prior of Belmont Abbey, Hereford, was elected Tenth Abbot of Belmont in succession to the Right Rev Dom Alan Rees who resigned the Abbacy on July 26, 1993.

Dinner

Royal College of Ophthalmologists

Mr Peter Wright, President of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists, was host at a dinner held last night at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, to mark the fifth anniversary of the college. Among those present were:

Sir Stanley and Lady Simmonds, Professor Norman Ashton, Professor and Mrs John Marshall and Professor and Mrs Peter Lachmann.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Canon Edward Longman, Vicar, Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield: to be also Rural Dean of Sutton Coldfield (Birmingham).

The Rev Colin Perkins, Incumbent of Cropwell Bishop, Colston Bassett, Granby, Elton-on-the-Hill, Langar cum Barnstone and Tythby w Cropwell Butler (the Witherton Group): to be Priest-in-Charge, united benefice of Sutton Bonington w Normanton on Soar (Southwell).

The Rev Neil Perkinson, Team Vicar, Cockermouth w Embleton & Wythop (Carlisle): to be Team Vicar, St Mary's Cliffsend in the St Laurence-in-Thanet Team Ministry (Canterbury).

The Rev Geoffrey Price, Team Vicar, Hampreston (Salisbury): to be Priest-in-charge, Market Drayton w Adderley and Moreton Say (Lichfield).

The Rev Samuel Randall, Chaplain HM Forces: to be Vicar in the Bramley Team Ministry with responsibilities as Project Director of Bramley Parish Community Projects, Anglican Minister at Rodley and Parish Ecumenical Officer (Ripon).

The Rev David Rayner, Vicar, the Resurrection, Smethwick: to be also Rural Dean of Warley (Birmingham).

The Rev Martin Soar, Curate, Church of the Holy Spirit, Hubberston (St David's): to be Priest-in-Charge, St Mary, Harrogate (Ripon).

The Rev Timothy Warr, Curate, St Matthew, Chapel Allerton, Leeds: to be Vicar, Wortley de Leeds (Ripon).

The Rev Canon Christopher White, Rector of Richmond w Hudswell, Chaplain of Victoria Hospital, Chaplain of St Francis Xavier School and Hon Canon of Ripon Cathedral: to be also Rural Dean of Richmond (Ripon).

The Rev Susan Whitehouse, Curate, Farnley, Leeds: to be Curate of Bedale And Curate-in-Charge of Thornton Watlass (Ripon).

Royal Academy of Engineering

The Lord Mayor, Sir Francis McWilliams, GBE, FEng, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, yesterday evening joined Sir William Barlow, FEng, President of The Royal Academy of Engineering, and Lady Barlow, at Guildhall where Sir William delivered the first Presidential Address. Sir William took as his theme "National Prosperity: The Role of the Engineer".

The Lord Mayor was also accompanied by Mr Alderman and Sheriff Roger Cork and Mr Sheriff Anthony Moss and their Ladies. The Address was attended by Fellows of The Academy, their Ladies and guests, and was followed by dinner.

Royal College of Ophthalmologists

The Queen has been pleased to grant permission for the College of Ophthalmologists to be called The Royal College of Ophthalmologists.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Matthew Boulton, engineer, Birmingham, 1728; Joseph Wright, painter, Derby, 1734; John Francis, sculptor, Lincolnshire, 1780; James Sylvester, mathematician, London, 1814; Jean Jaurès, socialist leader and orator, Castres, France, 1859.

DEATHS: Sir Edward Coke, jurist, Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire, 1634; Oliver, Cromwell, Protector 1653-58, London, 1658; Sir John Rennie, civil engineer, Bengeo, Hertfordshire, 1874; Louis Adolph Thiers, 1st President of the Third Republic of France 1871-73, St Germain-en-Laye, 1877; Ivan Turgenev, writer, Bougival, France, 1883; John Forrest, 1st Baron Forrest of Bunbury, explorer and politician, at sea en route for England, 1918; Henry Lawson, Australian poet, Sydney, 1922; Sir Arthur Streeton, Australian painter, Melbourne, 1943; Eduard Benes, President of Czechoslovakia 1935-48, Sezimoo Usti, 1948; e.e. cummings, poet and painter, North Conway, New Hampshire, 1962; Louis MacNeice, poet, London, 1963; Ho Chi Minh, President of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam 1954-69, Hanoi, 1969.

In 1752 in England, the Gregorian calendar replaced the Julian.

Britain recognised the independence of America by the Treaty of Versailles, 1783.

Britain and France declared war on Germany, 1939.

The Allied invasion of Italy began, 1943.

The *US Viking II* touched down on Mars, 1976.

Service dinner

MOD EF2000 Support Management Branch

Group Captain S.B. Burdess and officers of the MOD EF2000 Support Management Branch were the hosts at the annual EF2000 dinner held last night at Halton House Officers' Mess. Mr Jeremy Hanley, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, were the principal guests.

School announcements

Alleyn's School

Alleyn's commences the Advent Term this week. Baroness James of Holland Park, OBE (P.D. James) will be guest of honour on Speech Day on November 13. Gavin Moralee, Choirboy of the Year, will represent the school and St Barnabas Church in the Dulwich Festival at St John's Church, Goose Green, on September 22. There are productions of Lorca's *The House of Bernarda Alba* on October 12 and 13, of *Amadeus* on December 9, 10 and 11 and of the Junior School Nativity Play on December 14. Vicky Shepherd is Head Girl. The Edward Alleyn Club dinner is on November 19. Term ends on December 16.

Prior's Field School

Term starts on Monday, September 6. Emily Young is Head Girl and Amy Williams is Deputy. Term ends with the Carol Service in Charterhouse Chapel at 2.00pm on December 15, followed by a *Christmas Fair at School*. Old Girls Day will be on Saturday, May 21. Applications for 1994 should be addressed to the Registrar, before the end of October.

Queenswood School

The Autumn Term at Queenswood School begins on Sunday, September 5, with Cheryl Roberts as Head Girl and Jennifer Inch as Deputy Head Girl. The Queenswood inaugural public subscription Concert Series will run from September 1993 to May 1994; *performances during the autumn* term are the Queenswood Ensemble on September 22 and the Cambridge Scholars on October 20. Full details from the Music Department. Old Queenswoodian hockey matches will take place at 10.30am on Sunday, December 12. The Carol Service is at 3.30pm on Sunday, December 12, in St Albans Abbey. Commemoration Day will be held on Saturday, July 2, 1994.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.C. Bird and Miss N.J. Jolley

The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Bird, of Knutsford, Cheshire, and Nicola, elder daughter of Mr David Jolley and the late Mrs Erica Jolley and stepdaughter of Mrs Deborah Jolley, of Matfield, Kent.

Mr M.P. Brown and Miss E.R. Maskell

The engagement is announced between Michael Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs Tony Brown, of Downend, Bristol, and Emma Rebecca, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Raymond Maskell, of West Wratting, Cambridge.

Mr A.P. Chapman and Miss G.K. Rasiah

The engagement is announced between Andrew Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Michael J.W. Chapman, of Taunton, Somerset, and Girija Koshala, daughter of Lieutenant Commander Rajan Rasiah, SLN, retd, and Mrs Rasiah, of Sri Lanka.

Mr G.H.C. Derrick and Miss C.B. Maunder

The engagement is announced between Gordon, only son of Mr and Mrs G.A.J. Derrick, of Lane End Farm, Newington, Oxfordshire, and Tina, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs F.W.M. Maunder, of Chaxey Court Farm, Mapledurham, Reading.

Mr A.W. Harper and Miss S.I. Aboud

The engagement is announced between Andrew William, elder son of Dr and the Hon Mrs W.D. Harper, of West Kirby, Wirral, and Sarah Louise, youngest daughter of Mrs M.E. Aboud and the late Mr A.S. Aboud, of Hoylake, Wirral.

Mr R.C.M. Jarvis and Miss E.J. Spicer

The engagement is announced between Rupert Charles Melbourn, only son of Mr and Mrs Peter Jarvis, of Lauder, Berwickshire, and Eliza Jane, third daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs David Bethune Spicer, of West Sussex.

Mr A.P. Kingsley and Miss S.J. Sherburn

The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger twin son of Sir Patrick and Lady Kingsley, of West Knoyle, Wiltshire, and Sally, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel John Sherburn, retd, and Mrs Sherburn, of Oborne, Dorset.

Mr N.A. Lindsay-Stewart and Miss J.H.W. Gordon

The engagement is announced between Neil, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robin Lindsay-Stewart, of Balcombe, Sussex, and Jane, youngest daughter of the late Rev John and Mrs Gordon, formerly of Northern Ireland and Oxborough, Norfolk.

Mr L.R.S. Oliver and Miss C.A.J. Wohlrab

The engagement is announced between Luke, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Oliver, of Hook Heath, Surrey, and Catherine, daughter of the late Dr Karl Wohlrab and of Mrs Patricia Wohlrab, of Rome, Italy.

Mr N.A. Pargeter and Miss H.J. Cantley

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs John Pargeter, of Soulbury, Bedfordshire, and Heather, daughter of Mr and Mrs Mark Cantley, of Brookhouse, Lancashire.

Mr J. Partington and Miss E. Lothian Nicholson

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Mr John Partington, of Arundel, and Mrs Margaret Partington, of Epsom, and Fiona, younger daughter of the late Mr William L. Nicholson and of Mrs W.L. Nicholson, of Collier Street Village, Kent.

Dr A. Pool and Miss C. Stephenson

The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Christopher John Pool, of Cherrywinds, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, and Claire, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Lance John Stephenson, of Thompson, Norfolk.

Mr D.I. Reynolds and Miss T.M. Wright

The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs D.J. Reynolds, of Hornchurch, Essex, and Theresa, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Wright, of Dublin.

Mr A.J.F. Robinson and Miss C.V.M. Kinloch

The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of the late Mr Richard Robinson and of Mrs Shelagh Robinson, of Shere, Surrey, and Caroline, daughter of the late Mr Dick Kinloch and of Mrs Pony Kinloch, of Seremban, Malaysia.

Mr G.A. Skonberg and Miss J. Lloyd

The engagement is announced between Grant, son of Mr and Mrs A.G. Skonberg, of Red Bluff, California, USA, and Juliet, daughter of Mr and Mrs Quentin Lloyd, of Northiam, East Sussex.

Mr A. Swirsky and Miss C.E. Noblet

The engagement is announced between Adam, younger son of the late Mr George Swirsky and of Mrs Swirsky, of Crowthorne, Berkshire, and Caroline Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Noblet, of Bury, Lancashire.

Marriage

Mr J.C. Downer and Miss T.G. Dick

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 28, 1993, at St Clement Danes Church, London, between Mr Jeremy Charles Downer and Miss Tessa Gillian Dick.

Latest wills

Recent wills include (net, before tax paid):

Joan Bayer Johnson, of Sutton Valence, Kent ..... £788,248.

Mr Masrur Ahmad Makhdumi, of Burnham, Bucks ..... £771,459.

Mr Leonard Edward Herbert Maylett, of Ickenham, Middlesex, £1,223,675.

Mr Sydney Herbert Newman, of Bristol ..... £838,250.

Mr George Eric Platts, of Matlock, Derbyshire ..... £845,258.

Mr James Hayhurst Riding, of Longridge, Lancs ..... £714,286.

Mr Simon Nicholas Watts, of Wincanton, Somerset ..... £374,832.

Mrs Kathleen Williamson, of Kidlington, Oxon ..... £918,379.

Mr Frank McCabe, of Styal, Cheshire ..... £2,102,439.

Mr Clive Samuel Maurice Pell, of London, NW3 ..... £930,162.

Mrs Enid Sharp, of Hessle, Humberside ..... £1,134,521.

Mr Thomas John Leslie Slingsby, of Keighley, West Yorks, £838,802.

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Let not the earth cover my blood, and let my cry for justice find no rest! For now my witness is in heaven; there is One on high ready to answer for me.
Job 16 : 18.19

BIRTHS

BAKER - On August 30th at The Portland Hospital, to *Alisa (née Sandy)* and Jeremy, a beautiful daughter, Camilla, a sister to Charlie.

BAKER - On August 31st at The Portland Hospital, to Amanda (née Hodgson) and *Darrell, a daughter, Olivia* Lauren, a sister for Sasha.

BASING - On August 29th in Toronto, to Sally (née Broome) and Malcolm, a son, (Alaister Charles Bernard), a brother for William.

BOYLE - On August 28th, to Marcus Boyle and Jenny Hollier, a beautiful daughter, Ellie.

BROOME - On August 21st, to Ursula (née Mason) and Paul, a son, Henry George Roderick, a brother for Freddie and Jack.

DIXON - On July 23rd, to Tessa (née Robertson) and Adrian, a son Hugh Thomas, a brother for Edward.

DONGER - On August 29th, to Anna and William, a son, Alexander David Robert, a brother for Georgina, Elizabeth and James.

FARRANT - On August 4th, to Jane (née Fraser) and Colin, a daughter, Annabel Mary, a sister for Luke.

FRAZER - See Farrant.

GABRIEL - On August 30th at Royal Surrey County Hospital, to Wendy (Rutherford) and Roger, a son, *Paul Brian Henry*.

GREGORIE - On August 27th, to Belinda (née Ivens) and Hamish, a daughter, Ella Rose Harwood.

HARRISON-HALL - On August 23rd, to Elizabeth (née Winder) and Giles, twin daughters, Sophie Florence and Amelia Margaret, sisters for Isabel.

HEGGS - (née Goodwin) to Julie and Chris, two special boys, *David Andrew* and Daniel Thomas.

HIBBERT - To Susan and Andrew a daughter Georgina Alice on 24th August, a sister for Florence.

HOARE - On 1st September, at Tiverton District Hospital, to Mark and Jo, a daughter, Eleanor Frances Brodie.

HUNTER - On August 5th 1993, to Phyllis (née Gallant) and Paul, a daughter, Phoebe Joy, a sister for Kirstie.

HUTTON - On September 1st 1993 at Hexham Hospital, to Sally (née Jackson) and Keith, a son, Thomas Cameron.

BIRTHS

LAURENT - On August 28th at The Portland Hospital, to Isabelle (née Lever) and Antony, a daughter, Lily.

LOO - On August 3rd at 07.47 at The Royal Free Hospital to Gloria (née Yu) and Mark, a son, James Jun Hung.

MILLIGAN - On August 27th, to Rosemary (née Hayes) and *Andrew, a son, David* Francis Hugh.

MONCRIEFF - On August 31st, to Karin (née Snape) and David, a daughter, Catherine Alison.

RALPH - On 29th August, to Belinda (née Thomas) and Charles, a daughter, Poppy Louise, a sister for Camilla.

RAMSTAD - On September 1st 1993 in Norway, to Ann (née Matthew) and Helson, a son, Henrik Matthew, a brother for Eva.

REID - On September 1st, to Ian and Adele, a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Ker.

SUTCLIFFE - On August 31st, to Marcella (née Pellegrino) and Johnny, a daughter, Francesca Renata.

TAMIM - On August 23rd at the Wellington Hospital, to Rima and Sami, a beautiful son, Wessam.

TREHERNE - On September 1st, to Emma (née McGloughlin) and Mark, a son, Thomas Thackeray.

WADDINGTON - On 1st September 1993, to Lucy (née Turnbull) and Charles, a son, Toby George.

DEATHS

ARCHIBALD - On August 30th, peacefully in his sleep, William Montague aged 88 years. Devoted husband for 61 years of the late Evelyn. Much loved father of Malcolm and Judy. Dearly loved father-in-law of Rosemary and Peter and of his grandchildren Simon, Neil, Jeremy, Miranda and Michael and also of his great-grandchild *Lucy*. Cremation private. Memorial Service on Friday September 17th at 12.30 pm at St John's Church, St Johns, Woking. No letters or flowers please. Donations if desired to the Alzheimers Society, the disease from which his daughter suffers. Alzheimers Disease Society, 2nd Floor, Gordon House, 10 Greencoat Place, London SW1P 1PH.

DEATHS

BAYLIS - On 30th August 1993, peacefully at The Royal Marsden Hospital, Patricia Margaret 'Pat', aged 51 years. Dearly loved wife of Peter and mother of Nick. Private cremation in London. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at All Saints' Church, Biddenden, on Friday 24th September 1993 at 11.30am. *No flowers please, Donations* if desired to The Royal Marsden Hospital Appeal Fund.

BINGHAM - Surgeon Captain Edward (Ted) William, OBE, RN (retired), husband of Con, died peacefully at home on September 1st 1993, in his 93rd year. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Halstock, on Tuesday 7th September at 11.15 am. No flowers please, donations if desired to RNLI c/o Walsby Brothers Ltd., Funeral Directors, 33 Sparrow Road, Yeovil, tel: (0935) 79913.

BIRKETT - On August 31st 1993, peacefully, after a courageous fight against severe disabilities, Emily Margaret (Margery). Most dearly loved wife of Brian, mother of Gramie, Charles and the late Anthony and grandmother of Mark, Peter, Alice and John. Service of Thanksgiving at St. Mary the Virgin, Hartfield, Sussex at 3 PM. on Thursday, September 9th. Family flowers only please.

BROWN - On Tuesday 31st August, peacefully at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, (Kathleen) Molly, aged 79, widow of the late F.C. Brown.

CARNDUFF - Suddenly at home on 30th August, Jean, widow of Commander Edwin Carnduff RN. Much loved aunt, great-aunt and friend, she will be sadly missed. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium, Friday 10th September at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to British Red Cross or St Raphael's Hospice c/o Messrs & Cotterill, 169 Merton Road, Wandsworth, SW18.

CLARKE - Colonel John Robert Stephenson O.B.E. M.C. late Scots Guards. On August 28th a week after his beloved wife Averil. Funeral has already taken place privately. Memorial Service to be announced later.

DEATHS

COLLINS - On 27th August 1993 at Winton Nursing Home, Patricia aged 87, formerly of Five Ashes and Copenhoe, wife of the late Colonel R.A. Collins D.S.O., and daughter of Sir Harold Austin. Cremation at Salisbury Crematorium on Thursday 9th September 1993 at 2.15 pm. Donations if desired to People Dispensary for Sick Animals c/o Gerald W Barden Funeral Directors, Phoenix Church Street, Amesbury, Wilts. SP4 7EY. tel: (0980) 623262.

CURZON-HOWE - On August 29th at home after a short illness, Edward, loved husband of Elizabeth (née Picton). Funeral Service at St Simon Zelotes, Milner Street, Chelsea, at 2 pm on Tuesday 7th September. Afterwards Putney Vale Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if desired payable to The Marie Curie Foundation c/o J.H. Kenyon Funeral Directors, 49 Marloes Road, Kensington, W8.

EASTWOOD - Alexander Thomas David, on 4th August, 1993, while travelling through the Gobi desert and distant northwest China, which he loved, aged just twenty-one and a few days. Very greatly loved celebrated youngest son of Anthony and Elizabeth, revered brother and exciting companion to Rupert and James, of Palace House, Much Hadham, Hertfordshire. Thanksgiving loved St Andrew's Much Hadham, 2.30 pm. Thursday, September 30th. (No flowers, but donations welcome to the Jubilee Sailing Trust, Southampton SO1 1GD).

GARDINER - On August 31st, peacefully at home in London W2, Leslie Eyre, husband of the late Anne Doreen and beloved father of Nicholas. Funeral private. Family flowers only.

GREGSON - On September 1st peacefully at home, Betty Anne aged 81, widow of Brigadier J.H. Gregson C.B.E. and much loved mother of Georgina and Michael. Funeral Service to be held at St Mary's Church, Kirkby on Bain, on Tuesday 7th September at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to *N.S.P.C.C. c/o R.H. Turner* and Son, 56-57 North Street, Horncastle, Lincs. LN9 5DX, tel: (0507) 522531.

HALLIDAY - On August 30th peacefully in Nanaimo Hospital, Vancouver Island, Margaret McLaren, much loved wife of the late David, mother of Stewart and daughter-in-law of Elizabeth. Llanbair House, Llandovery, Dyfed.

DEATHS

HAMLYN - Agnes (Ecob), much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, 31st August 1993 at Derwent Lodge, New Ferry, Wirral, in her 90th year. Funeral at Landican North, Wirral, at 2.30 pm 9th September 1993. Flowers to F.R. Kirk & Son, 20 The Village, Bebington.

HARRIS - Henry Roy, suddenly but peacefully on August 29th 1993. Dearly loved husband of Alice Joan and dearest brother of Grace Winifred Joan. Funeral Service at Oxford Crematorium on Monday September 6th at 12 noon. Family flowers only.

HERZIG - Christopher, On 1st September 1993, peacefully at home. Funeral 11.45 am Monday 6th September at St Mary's Parish Church, Horsham. Garden flowers. Donations to Watermid c/o Hextall Erskine & Co., 28 Lemon Street, London E1 2ER.

HILL - On September 1st 1993 at home, William Wilson, aged 88 years. Dearly loved husband of Fiona, father of Stuart, Anna and Joe. Funeral Service at St Andrew's United Reformed Church, London Road, Reading, on Tuesday September 7th at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cancer Research c/o A.B. Walker & Son Ltd., 36 Eldon Road, Reading.

JERRAM - On September 1st 1993 in Cornwall, Major General Richard Martyn Jerram C.B., M.B.E., D.L., late R.T.R., dearly loved husband of Sue, uncle of Mary Clare and Caroline, *stepfather to Caroline*, Camilla and Kate. Cremation service, family only. No flowers, donations if desired to Cornwall St John Ambulance Brigade, c/o R.J. Bray, Bridgend, Wadebridge.

KERSLEY - George Durant O.B.E., T.D., D.L., M.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.P. on September 1st aged 86 in hospital at Bath. Much loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Family funeral service on September 8th. Thanksgiving Service to be arranged later. Flowers to G.F. Hunt Funeral Directors, 16 Arlington Road, Bath or donations if desired to Friends of the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases, Bath BA1 1RL.

KIRKTON - On 31st August, peacefully, Dr. Paul Kirkton, passed away after long illness. He was a gifted personality who will always be missed. Funeral Service to be held at Golders Green Crematorium on Monday 6th September at 3.15 pm.

DEATHS

LACEY - On August 27th at St Thomas' Hospital, Gladys Edith aged 79. Funeral Service at 1 pm on Wednesday September 8th at Brompton Cemetery.

LATHAM - On 31st August, Harry Stuart, dearly loved husband of Barbara. Funeral Service at 2 pm on Friday September 10th at Putney Vale Crematorium. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Arthritis Research.

LEWIS - Peggy, wife of Norman and loving and beloved mother of Harriet and Mick (Catherine), died peacefully in Whittington Hospital on 1st September after a courageous battle with cancer. The funeral will be at Golders Green Crematorium, West Chapel, on Sunday, 5th September at 11 am. Flowers are welcome or donations. If desired to Cancer Research. Dearly loved mother and friend who will be missed by all who knew her. Gone but never forgotten.

LORIMER - Hew Lorimer O.B.E., LL.D. K.S. & G. Died peacefully in Cedarmount Nursing Home, St Andrews, on September 1st 1993. Requiem Mass, Christ The King Church, Pittenweem, 10 am Tuesday 7th September. Interment Pittenweem Cemetery. R.I.P.

MACKINTOSH - On August 28th, suddenly in Brecon, Alistair, much loved brother of the late David and Arbell and uncle of Joanna, Alastair and Huw, formerly of BOAC and British Airways. Funeral at Llangasty Church, nr. Brecon, 2 pm Monday September 6th. Family flowers only. Donations if so desired to The British Heart Foundation or Cancer Research c/o Peter Evans Funeral Director, Brookfield, Groesffordd, Brecon, Powys.

MAYES - Stanley Herbert (Ernest) on August 31st peacefully in his sleep. Sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral on Friday September 10th at 11.30 am at Honor Oak Crematorium, South London. Flowers to Co-op Funeral Service, 111 Lordship Lane, London SE22 8HU or donations to Marjorie Warren Ward to be sent to Dulwich Hospital, East Dulwich Grove, London SE22 8PT.

DEATHS

MIDDLETON - The Countess of Middleton (Rene Ray) peacefully at home, in Jersey on Saturday 28th August 1993, beloved wife of the late Earl of Middleton, dearest sister of Beryl Dallen and aunt of Anthony, Carole, Christopher, Susan, Nicholas and Deirdre. Will be sadly missed by her devoted family and many friends. The funeral service took place at St Brelade's Parish Church, Jersey, on Wednesday 1st September 1993, followed by interment in the Churchyard. Donations may be sent to: Jersey Hospice Care c/o Mr J.R. Richardson, Rands & Co. Chartered Accountants, Wellington House, Union Street, St Helier JE2 3RF.

NELLA - On August 28th 1993, at home, Robert John aged 49 years. Devoted and much loved husband of Helen. Cherished father of Claudia, Daniel and Francesca. Grandfather to Florence, loving son and brother, friend to so many. Requiem Service at Our Lady of Ransom Church, Eastbourne, on Wednesday September 8th at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. Flowers or donations for Diabetic Research c/o Heine & Son Ltd., 19 South Street, Eastbourne.

OAKLEIGH-WALKER - On September 2nd 1993, after a critical illness, Peter Charles Major (retired) Royal Sussex Regiment. Beloved and loving husband of Mary, father of Elizabeth, Alison, Rosemary and grandpa of his 6 children. Service Wednesday 8th September 2.30 pm at Crondall Parish Church, followed by private cremation. No flowers by request, if desired, donations towards a system for the hard of hearing in the church c/o The Treasurer, The Vicarage, Farm Lane, Crondall GU10 5QE.

OLDRIDGE - On September 2nd 1993 peacefully at home Mary Diana (née Awtry) in her 89th year. Widow of Lt. Col. Bernard Oldridge, formerly of Dursley, and dearly loved mother and grandmother. Cremation private. Memorial Service details to be announced later.

REDGRAVE - On August 31st, peacefully at home in Frinton-on-Sea, John Albert aged 64 years, much loved and sadly missed by his wife, family and friends. Funeral Service on Tuesday September 7th at Weeley Crematorium at 11.45 am. Family flowers only, please, but donations if so desired to Cancer Research or St Helena Hospice c/o P.G. Oxley Ltd., 47 High Street, Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex.

DEATHS

RILEY - On 31st August 1993, Cyril aged 78 years, of Melbourne, Beds. Dearly loved and sadly missed by Mary. Funeral Service and committal at St Mary Magdalene Church, Melchbourne, on Thursday 9th September at 3 pm. Flowers c/o A. Abbott & Sons Funeral Directors, Bedford Road, Rushden, Northants. tel: (09933) 312142.

SANFORD - On 1st September, William Henry Steward (Gabriel), Priest of the Community of the Resurrection, in the 79th year of his age, and the 57th year of his profession, R.I.P. Requiem and Burial at the House of the Resurrection, Mirfield, on September 13th at 11.30 am.

SCOBIE - Joan Duncan, beloved widow of Lieutenant General Sir Ronald Scobie, mother of Jane and grandmother of James and Robert. Died 26th August 1993 peacefully at Sutton Manor Nursing Home, aged 88. Memorial Service Monday 27th September 2.30pm at Mattingley Parish Church, Hampshire. Enquiries JNO Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

TUNSTALL - James, retired Senior Scientific Officer, at the Centre for Overseas Pest Research, London. On 31st August peacefully at the Joseph International Ormskirk, Lancashire after a long illness bravely borne. James, aged 66 years, of Southport, beloved husband of the late Cecie, fondest brother of Frank and John and dearly loved uncle of Sheena and Richard. Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday 7th September 1993 at Southport Crematorium at 3pm. Flowers (before 1pm please) and all enquiries to H. Draper Funeral Directors, 122 Cemetery Road, Southport. tel: (0704) 532728.

WATERS - On September 1st 1993, peacefully at home, Hugh Clough Waters O.B.E. aged 86 years, of Calcutta, Inchtape and Coodem. Dearly beloved husband of Janet, much loving and much loved father, father-in-law, and grandpa. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Old Town, Bexhill-on-Sea, on Friday September 10th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired for Imperial Cancer Research c/o Mummery FD, 31 Devonshire Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex TN40 1AH. tel: (0424) 730411.

DEATHS

WRAITH - Dorothea Mary (Dr Dorothea Norman Jones), MA, MB, BChir (Cambridge), DPM, (London Univ), FRANZCP, MANZSJA, MIAAP, MSAP (London), MNZAP, Child Psychiatrist, Jungian Analyst, - On August 30, 1993 peacefully at her home, Eastbourne, New Zealand. Dearly loved wife of the late L.G.D. (Bill); Loved sister of the late Gwenda Hurst. Loved cousin of Unity Jones, Margie Thornton, and Matt Thornton and friend of Jean Knox Gilmer. Dorothea's Funeral Service was held at St Albans Anglican Church, Napier, NZ., Embomba on Thursday September 2, 1993 at 2 pm followed by interment at the Taita Lawn Cemetery. Lower Hutt. J.R. Croft Ltd, FDANZ.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BILBEN - A Memorial Service (Panikhida) will be held for Ivan Bilibin at the Russian Orthodox Cathedral, Ennismore Gardens, London SW7, at 12.30 pm, after the Liturgy, on Sunday, 26th September.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

BEATTIE - With love and gratitude we remember Peter Christopher, who gave so much happiness and left treasured memories. January 26th 1943 - September 3rd 1965.

FISHER - Jack, on September 3rd 1943 at GHQ MEF, Cairo, Flight Lieutenant Jack Fisher RAFVR and Barbara Whitelock, Civil Servant, were married by the RAF Deputy Judge Advocate General, Jack (Emeritus Professor of Economic History) died January 7th 1988. He is remembered with affection by very many but particularly on this day by Barbara and their children, Teresa and Matthew.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

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OBITUARIES

W. L. WILSON

W. L. Wilson, CB, OBE, engineer and former deputy secretary at the Department of the Environment, died on August 29 aged 80. He was born on September 11, 1912.

"WL," as he was affectionately known at work by his colleagues, was an engineer of immense stature whose achievements during the second world war — and subsequently for the first part of the Cold War — made a significant contribution to the British range of armaments and consequently to the defence of this country. During the war he had played a major role in the design of Royal Ordnance factories. He was in on the early postwar Canadian-British atomic energy collaboration at Chalk River, Ontario. He designed atomic research establishments at Harwell and Aldermaston. And he designed and built the test establishment for the Blue Streak rocket, which, had the British government persisted with it, could have provided the basis for a European satellite launcher as long ago as the 1960s.

William Lawrence Wilson was 26 at the start of the second world war. He had been born and brought up in Stockton-on-Tees, an area of great unemployment. Although lacking a full secondary education, he trained in engineering design at the ICI works in Billingham and, through evening classes, eventually obtained his degree and became a member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

Wilson played a significant role during the war in the design of TNT and Royal Ordnance Factories. His first project just before the outbreak of war was a TNT factory at Irvine at a time when no other was operating.



Trinitrotoluene, was a powerful and highly-volatile explosive and Wilson always thereafter described his association with it as "a voyage of discovery into responsibility".

During the next three years, he was wholly devoted to working on Royal Ordnance factories: at Bishopston and Pembrey in Wales; Bridgwater in Somerset; and Sellafield in Cumbria. He also was deeply involved in the design of the Fighting Vehicle Proving Establishment at Chertsey in Surrey.

In 1945 Wilson emerged from the war as a superintending engineer at the old Ministry of Works which, at the age of 33, rated in terms of civil service seniority as something of a record. His strength lay not just in his technical ability; it arose also from his capacity to inspire others.

Once peace was restored, Wilson soon found himself transferred to the newly-created atomic energy projects in which, at that time, British expertise was at the cutting edge of development. With five colleagues he was sent to Chalk River in Canada where his host and mentor was Sir John Cockcroft. This was a joint Canadian/British atomic energy centre and nothing like it had been built outside North America at the time. He described the next ten years as "exciting, lengthy days demanding swift decisions with long and short views, with no time for learned dissertation, wise or pedantic discussion or steering committees and working parties".

Back in Britain, his first project was to create the atomic research establishment at Harwell. This was shortly followed by Springfields, Aldermaston, Sellafield and Capenhurst. The factory at Sellafield was built on the site of the old wartime TNT factory. But Aldermaston was the project he most enjoyed, if only because he found a special camaraderie on the site. The challenging timetable he faced there was to design and build a radioactive materials production line within 18 months. The completion date was set as March 31, 1952, and this was met.

In 1954 he was promoted to assistant chief engineer and promptly set to work on the rocket test establishment at Spadeadam, in the northwest of England, for the test launchings of what was conceived, at that time, as Britain's intermediate range ballistic missile, Blue Streak. The launch site and associated facilities were built in three years, a remarkable achievement. The work was, in the upshot, to be a wasted effort and a squandered opportunity, since subsequent British governments, both Conservative and Labour, could see no reason for Blue Streak's existence either as a military weapon or as a satellite launcher. It was to be left to France to lead the European aerospace effort, while Britain's technological expertise and leadership were frittered away.

In 1962 Wilson was promoted to be chief engineer at the newly-formed Ministry of Public Building and Works and went on to become deputy secretary there in 1967, later moving on the merger of the ministry to the Department of the Environment. This was the highest rank within the civil service that any engineer had attained until that time.

During his later years at the DoE he took a keen interest in training young engineers. He always looked for those who had strong staying-power, believing that they were the ones who would contribute most to society. He built up the Residential Training School at RAF Cardington (of airship fame) from an intake of 250 a year to 1,500 a year.

Just before he retired in 1972, he was involved in the reorganisation of parts of the old Ministry of Public Building and Works and of the Ministries of Transport and Housing into what was eventually known as the Property Services Agency. He wrote that he found himself becoming by then "an expert on reorganisation"; however, while he never admitted it, his colleagues sensed that he did not fully approve.

Some recognition of his work was reflected in his appointment as OBE in 1954 and CB in 1967. He enjoyed a long, busy and active retirement in which he continued to concern himself with setting standards of excellence for engineers throughout the country.

He leaves his widow, Constance, and two sons.

THE COUNTESS OF MIDLETON



The Countess of Midleton, formerly the actress René Ray, died in Jersey on August 28 aged 81. She was born in London on September 22, 1911.

IN HER earlier days René Ray's was a familiar name both in the theatre and the cinema. Her début on the London stage came at the Savoy Theatre in 1930 — slightly incongruously as a barmaid in a play called *Wonder Bar*.

Over a period of more than 20 years she went on to appear in a number of West End productions, including playing opposite Laurence Olivier in J. B. Priestley's *Bees on the Boatdeck* in 1936, but she remained perhaps best known for her work in films.

Small in stature but with huge, expressive eyes she tended to be cast as a waif — most notably as 'Stasia in Berthold Viertel's 1935 cinema version of Jerome K. Jerome's classic, *The Passing of the Third Floor Back*, where one critic found her performance "very striking" in its "astonishing intensity".

Later films, such as *The Rat* with Anton Walbrook and *The Green Cockatoo* with John Mills, testified to a growing maturity and it was no surprise when in the late 1930s she was summoned to Hollywood. Here, however, fate took a hand and with the outbreak of war in 1939 she loyally returned to Britain, spending most of the war years with Ensa, travelling widely in order to entertain the troops.

The war undoubtedly affected her career and, though in 1947 she played in one Hollywood film (*If Winter Comes* with Walter Pidgeon, Angela Lansbury and Deborah Kerr), the momentum had gone out of her rise to stardom. She also that same year made her sole appearance on Broadway, in the American production of Priestley's *An Inspector Calls* — a play that is currently enjoying a revival at the Aldwych Theatre.

Fortunately, René Ray had other talents on which to fall back. She wrote her first novel — *Wraxtoon Marne* — in 1946, saw one of her later ones turned both into a television serial and the Hammer film *The Strange World of Planet X* (1958) and had six of her short stories produced by the BBC as well as appearing in a number of television drama productions both for ITV and the BBC.

Born Irene Creese, she was the elder of two daughters of A. H. Creese, the inventor and avitation pioneer. She first met her future husband, the Earl of Midleton, in the 1950s. She married him as his third wife in 1975 and he died in 1979, having spent the last part of his life living on Jersey, to which island they both moved in 1963.

There she developed into an accomplished amateur artist, specialising in painting flowers and enjoying many local exhibitions of her work. She also became an enthusiastic supporter of the Jersey Film Society, which in 1986 opened its fortieth season with a showing of her 50-year-old classic film, *The Passing of the Third Floor Back*.

She is survived by her younger sister and six nieces and nephews.

MILENA AGOSTINI-KEMALI

Milena Agostini-Kemali, research scientist, died at San Gineto, Italy, on August 8 aged 65. She was born in Cosenza on March 3, 1928.

MILENA Agostini-Kemali graduated from the University of Naples in 1951. Prompted by her interest in the nervous system, she dedicated her working life to neuroscience — neuromorphology in particular.

Having shown ability as a young researcher in the department of neuroanatomy at Naples, she was recruited by the Italian National Research Council, and in 1968 was appointed chief of the laboratory of neuroanatomy at the Institute of Cybernetics, Arco Felice, Naples, where, from 1980 she was head of neurosciences.

Her research bore the hallmark of meticulous care, accuracy and neatness, and her many publications won acclaim both in Italy and abroad. Among these stands out the *Atlas of the Frog's Brain* (1969, with W. Braitenburg), rightly considered the modern classic on this subject.

Clarity and exactitude also characterised her teaching, at the bench, in the classroom, and at international seminars and schools. She taught with skill and simple spontaneity, on neurobiology and neuroscience applied to medicine, and entranced students with her beautiful speaking voice — for which she was much in demand as a broadcaster for the Italian service of the BBC during a period she spent in London.

From 1985, following an attack of malaria contracted in Zaire, she suffered from a relentlessly progressive degenerative disease of the nervous system, which she bore with characteristic courage and equanimity. Her illness did not stop her work at the bench, however, and she continued to be scientifically productive until the spring of this year.

She is survived by her husband, Dargut Kemali, Professor of Psychiatry in the University of Naples.

SIR JAMES HENDERSON

Sir James Henderson, KBE, CMG, former British ambassador to Bolivia, died on August 26 aged 92. He was born on January 19, 1901.

THE good news was that the Hendersons got out of Tokyo in the nick of time. They left just before war broke out in the Far East, thus escaping the misery of internment or house arrest — the initial fate of allied diplomats in the region.

The bad news was the journey lying ahead of them. After picking up their 98 pieces of luggage from the quayside, where the Japanese had deliberately scattered them far and wide, they embarked on a voyage across the Pacific, made memorable by the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

As many as 700 were on board, packed into a passenger vessel built for 400, as families fled from the encroaching tide of war. Water was scarce and the Hendersons' young family included their month-old son — who had to be billeted on deck in his sister's doll's pram.

They sailed under the Golden Gate bridge at San Francisco at 6am on Christmas Day 1941, before starting a marathon train journey to New York. There they boarded a Chilean cargo boat and sailed south to take up a new post in the British embassy in Santiago.



A U-boat challenged their steamer in the Gulf of Mexico, suspecting it of carrying allied personnel. But the Chilean captain supported Henderson's claim to be a businessman and they carried on through the Panama canal and down the west coast of South America.

They spent more than two years in the Chilean capital, before being posted back to wartime Britain. It was their first visit home since 1939 and they sent a shock wave through their Liverpool hotel by calling for more sugar with their rhubarb.

James Thyne Henderson (he used his middle name to distinguish him from the other Hendersons at the Foreign Office) spent virtually all of his career serving abroad. He had been born at Hawick, into the family which had founded Braemar knitwear. His father Sir Thomas Henderson had been knighted for contributing to the war effort in 1914-18.

Henderson went to Sedbergh School, then Queen's College, Oxford, where he read history and rowed for the college before joining the diplomatic service in 1925. His first foreign posting to Tehran led to his meeting his wife Karma, a children's nurse with a banking family from her native Denmark.

He moved to Athens, then to Helsinki in 1932 — where he distinguished himself as *chargé d'affaires* during a British exhibition in the city. Its success led to his being invited to the 1937 coronation of King George VI, to shepherd the official guests from Finland. He went to Japan as first secretary next year.

After the war Henderson served in Stockholm where he was promoted counsellor, then in Houston, Texas, as Consul-General — a post in which he displayed the same flair he had earlier demonstrated in Helsinki for beating the drum for British trade and culture. One of his responsibilities while there was to organise an exhibition of Queen Mary's carpet — the tapestry woven by the present Queen's grandmother, which was being auctioned to help raise dollars for the hard-pressed British economy.

He was minister and head of mission in Iceland, 1953-56, before Britain had a full embassy in Reykjavik. As such he was heavily engaged in the first Cod War and contributed much towards the eventual settlement. Then he moved to La Paz as ambassador to Bolivia in 1956. He was knighted in 1959 and retired in the following year.

No sooner had he left than he was recalled by the Foreign Office, to serve on attachment to the British delegation at the United Nations. It was felt that his experience and contacts would be valuable in winning support from Latin America for British policies.

After two years in New York he returned to live in Scotland where he worked for the Scottish Council for Development and Industry. He also became involved with the Thistle Group, helping to promote Scottish exports by leading parties of businessmen on visits to Scandinavia and Germany. He worked until he was well into his seventies, while also serving the Commonwealth Institute as chairman in Scotland and the Church of Scotland as an elder in North Morningside, Edinburgh.

Tall, well-built and bespectacled, Henderson gardened, sang in choirs, toured historical sites and read widely. He was also throughout his career an exceptionally good listener.

His wife died in May and he is survived by their four daughters and one son.

SIR LOUIS COOLS-LARTIGUE

Sir Louis Cools-Lartigue, OBE, died at his home in the Commonwealth of Dominica on August 21 aged 88. He was born on January 18, 1905.

EDUCATED at convents and the St Lucia grammar school, Louis Cools-Lartigue began his long official career in 1924 when he became a clerk in the Administrator's Office of Dominica. He was promoted to be Chief Clerk and Clerk of Councils in 1932.

He was made Treasurer of Dominica in 1940 and was transferred to St Vincent as Treasurer in 1945. He became Assistant Administrator of St Lucia in 1949.

In 1951 he moved to Grenada to take up the post of Chief Secretary of the Windward Islands during which time he performed the duties of deputy governor over fifty times. He retired in 1960 when the post of deputy governor was abolished because of the abortive creation of the Federation of the West Indies.

In 1961 he became Speaker of the Legislative Council of Dominica and subsequently Speaker of the House of Assembly. He resigned to take up his appointment as Governor of Dominica in 1967. He was knighted in the New Year's Honours list of 1968. Sir Louis was the first native of the island of Dominica to be appointed to the office of Governor and thus to be the representative of the Queen.

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As a novel *The Green Hat* is understood to have shocked many readers. Perhaps that is why the usual crowd of first-nighters at the Adelphi seemed unusually eager and excited. They were hoping to be shocked. To make a clean breast of it, so were we. It would be a new experience, which is always a thing worth having. But no such luck! We were not a bit shocked, mildly interested now and then, bored now and then, and in the end depressed.

The play began well enough, with a gathering together of Iris's agitated friends on the morrow of her wedding and of her bridegroom's suicide. Why had the fellow thrown himself out of the window? The question was excitedly debated, the usual excuses were invented, the usual lies told. But one man would have no lies, Iris's brother and the dead man's friend, who raved like a madman, crazed with grief and drink. He shouted that his dead friend was "the cleanest ever" (it is remarkable how the words "clean" and "unclean" keep recurring in plays of this sort). He called his sister "harlot". Evidently, then, he had some theory; but he didn't impart it. His sister gave an oracular explanation, which made the mystery more mysterious than ever. "He died," she says, "for purity". "Clean," "unclean," "harlot", "purity" — heavens! what an odd vocabulary obsesses Mr. Arlen! And what can dying for "purity" mean? But Mr Eric Matarin plays the exasperated brother splendidly, and the whole house is too intent on cheering him at the act-drop to bother about "purity".

Ten years elapse, and Napier, who had loved Iris in the past, even before she became Mrs. Fenwick, is going to be married to a girl with the rather charming Christian name of Venice. Then Iris drives to Napier's flat in the dead of night and seduces him, or, more strictly, they seduce one another. It is high time we were beginning to be shocked. But, somehow, we are left quite cold. The young man doesn't interest us, he is so obviously a weakling. What is worse, Iris doesn't interest us either. Miss Tallulah Bankhead has a strange, hoarse voice, and a strange, breathless delivery, but Iris (we suppose) ought to be "fatal" and there is nothing that we can see, "fatal" about Miss Bankhead. She ought to give you the impression of being *capable de tout*; but we never got that impression.

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The Green Hat *by Michael Arlen (1895-1956) was a best-seller which was said to have shocked readers but this critic failed to be shocked by the stage version, even with Tallulah Bankhead.*

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THE TIMES TODAY FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 3 1993

NEWS

British children freed from cult

■ British children were among hundreds rescued by Argentine police after raids on the homes of members of a religious cult. Videos of children being sexually abused and *taking part in Satanic ceremonies* were also seized.

The raids on ten houses in fashionable districts of Buenos Aires were ordered after police received complaints that children had been kidnapped by a sect known as The Family and were being sexually abused .....Page 1

Co-ordinated Middle East peace near

■ There were intensive diplomat moves last night to try to co-ordinate the signing of a self-rule accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation, with simultaneous peace deals between Israel and Syria, Lebanon and Jordan, the other participants in the Washington peace talks ..... Page 1, 13

Private jails plan

The home secretary unveiled proposals for ten per cent of the 133 jails in England and Wales to be run by the private sector. The security companies and penal reform groups believe that eventually at least thirty jails will be privately run .....Pages 1, 2

Patient search

Up to 12,000 brain surgery patients who are at risk of dying from Creudzfeldt-Jacob disease (CJD), the human form of "mad cow disease", may never be traced, the Department of Health said. Three patients in the UK have died from the condition following brain grafts and there have been five other deaths worldwide.....Page 2

Confident Kasparov

A confident Garry Kasparov poured scorn on Nigel Short for calling him a communist and served notice that "the English boy" stood no chance of winning *The Times* World Chess Championship.....Page 9

Custody battle ends

A legal battle spanning three generations has ended after a woman abandoned her efforts to win custody of a baby she gave to her mother six years ago.....Page 3

Spending rises

The growth in spending last year outstripped rises in income for the first time in three years as people took advantage of price cuts and High Street sales, according to a government report.....Page 7

Malaria drug trial

A new drug against malaria, a disease that kills two million people a year, is expected to go into clinical trials within the next three years. The substance, based on a class of drugs called pyridinones, killed the malaria parasite in rats.....Page 5

Bush vindicated

The US Commerce Department has admitted that growth was far more robust during the final year of Mr Bush's presidency than originally reported. The figures show that America's gross domestic product grew at a rate of 3.9 per cent, not the reported 3.1 per cent, during the president's last year.....Page 12

Pause without peace

The breakdown of the Geneva talks is likely to be just another pause in the arduous quest for peace in Bosnia. Predictions of a huge re-eruption of war are probably misplaced.....Page 11

Protestant anger

The Loyalist murder of a prison guard has been greeted with shame and anger by the Protestant community.....Page 8

Turkey alerted

The Turkish government is alarmed by reports that Iranian troops are massing on the border of Azerbaijan, and may have entered the country. A Turkish government spokesman said Iran wanted a 12-mile "security zone" to protect refugees fleeing Armenian attacks.....Page 10

Germany brings back the Kaiser

■ In an attempt to revive memories of Germany's imperial past, a copy of the statue of Kaiser Wilhelm I has been erected in Koblenz. The original was destroyed by American bombardment during the second world war. Yesterday's ceremony coincided with the anniversary of Germany's victory over France in the Battle of Sedan in 1870 ..... Page 10



SIMON WALKER

Jackie Moggan, the first woman to enter the British oyster opening championship in St James's, London yesterday. Page 3

BUSINESS

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index slipped 12.5 to 3072.6 despite strong gains in drug shares. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 81.0 to 80.5 after a fall from $1.5068 to $1.4983 and from DM2.4968 to DM2.4710.....Page 24

Rolls-Royce: The aero-engine company is calling for £307 million from shareholders to fund a new generation of engines and to compete with General Electric and Pratt & Whitney.....Page 21

Vickers: The car and tanks group rolled back into the black yesterday after two years of losses. Huge cutbacks have restored the profitability of the specialist engineering group.....Page 21

SPORT

Golf: Bernhard Langer withdrew during the first round of the Swiss Open with a neck muscle problem that has dogged him since June. Langer, a member of the European Ryder Cup team, has returned home for treatment.....Page 35

American Football: Robert Kirley assesses the ageing quarterbacks, headed by Joe Montana at the Kansas City Chiefs, who are hoping to dominate the National Football League this season.....Page 38

Tennis: Mats Wilander of Sweden, once the number one player in the world but now ranked 553, reached the second round of the US Open by beating the Brazilian, Jaime Oncins..... Page 40

Chess mates: On the eve of *The Times* World Chess Championship, the women in the wings discuss the competitors.....Page 15

Rising star: Hanan Ashrawi has established herself as one of the most articulate figures in the Middle East.....Page 14

Digital highways: Ben Macintyre on the electronic information revolution.....Page 14

Women on wheels: The financial clout of the female driver..Page 33

Two pages of news and job opportunities.....Pages 30, 31

Macca's back: Reviled by the progressives, the Paul McCartney roadshow rolls on and into Earls Court next weekend. What still motivates one of rock's oldest (and richest) survivors? Also in today's Rock on Friday: reviews of the new albums from Paul Weller and Meatloaf.....Page 29

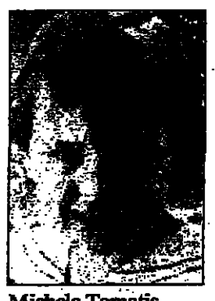
South Bank sculpture: In the Festival Hall foyer a big new exhibition brings together work by many of the best young sculptors in Britain.....Page 27

German Julius: The Edinburgh Festival's main drama programme comes to a close with Peter Stein's epic production of *Julius Caesar*, played in German.....Page 28

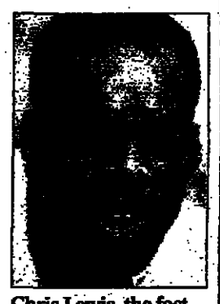
PEOPLE



A new portrait of the writer Alan Bennett by Tom Wood, the Yorkshire artist, which was unveiled at the National Portrait Gallery in London Page 18



Michela Tomatis, aged 2½, who underwent pioneering surgery in London to correct a heart defect while still in her mother's womb Page 3



Chris Lewis, the fast bowler dropped from the England Test team, scored 247 runs for Nottingham in their victory over Durham Page 40

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Kasparov v Short

■ In *The Times Magazine*, Alan Franks hangs out with Nigel Short, while Robert Crampton meets the world champion, Garry Kasparov

Not just kids' stuff

■ Twenty-five years of BBC Schools drama is being celebrated by some of the playwrights who have contributed. Enter Tom Stoppard, Willie Russell and William Shakespeare

Alchemy in the East End

■ Peter Ackroyd hosts a guided tour around the setting for his new novel, *The House of Doctor Dee*, a ghostly tale of Elizabethan black magic

COMMENT

The comedian who has brought his talent to *Have I Got News For You* is back with his own show. *Paul Merton — The Series* (Channel 4, 10.30pm).....Page 39

The reed snaps

The success of UN troops in ensuring the survival of civilians is a success amid failure and must be subject to no unwarranted failure of nerve or will. Lord Owen's prediction of mass starvation need not come true.....Page 17

The gun turns

Respect for the agencies of law and order has always been a foundation of Unionism. Now, eight years after the Anglo-Irish agreement, Loyalists' trust in those that guard their turbulent communities is fading fast..... Page 17

Wine sellers uncorked

A small number of wine merchants are tolerant, chivalrous, patient and accommodating. They are, however, being outnumbered by the horrid hordes of oeno-cads, afflicted by the phylloxera of discourtesy and disdain..... Page 17

BERNARD LEVIN

A minister or a member of the board of a bank who is disgraced no longer resigns; he goes to the boss and "offers his resignation". His boss — an old pal, of course, else the trick won't work — thinks it over, and "refuses the resignation". The culprit leaves without a stain on his character other than the ones he had on him when he came in.....Page 16

ANNE McELVOY

Boris Yeltsin's deputy, Aleksandr Rutskoi disapproves of his support for a swift, painful transition to the free market. It is Mr Yeltsin's good fortune that his deputy is a man who poses good questions but gives bad answers.....Page 16

New universities and old polytechnics: new class system..... Page 17

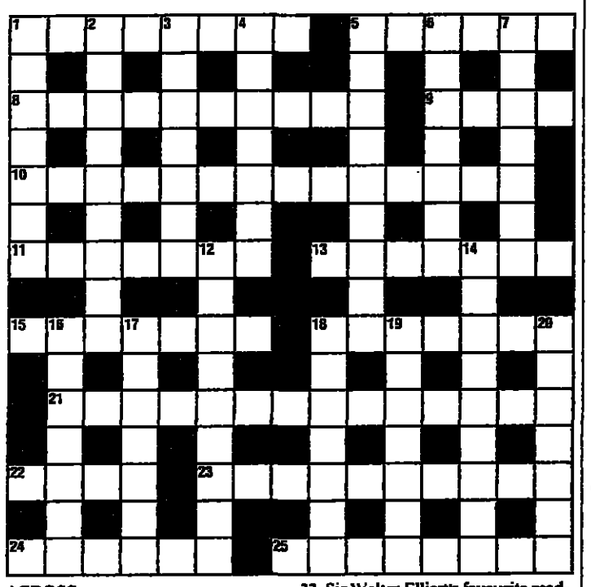
By failing to act against those culpable of [human rights] abuses, the ANC has lost an opportunity to regain the moral high ground

— The Sowetan

We are told we are the most violent country in the world but the fact is that it is a small minority who make us so; it is of the utmost value for the rest of us, the majority, to show that we reject this

— The Star

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,326



ACROSS

1 Come back for fruit after harvest (8).
5 The art of the law (6).
8 Check backcloth for set (10).
9 Warrior's sanctimonious admission? (4).
10 Unremarkable choice of recreational area (6,2,6).
11 Extremely lucky to catch animal — pure chance (7).
13 Join sack race a little lighter (7).
15 Could be exercise with sharp jerks (7).
18 Infirm, say? Would shortly be protected (7).
21 Old city name not special? Not special (14).
22 It's the end for each of us in time (4).
23 Sir Walter Elliott's favourite reading, except one quotation at end of volume (10).
24 Tamper with sound of gong (6).
25 Hold back majority of lesson, having no support (8).

DOWN

1 Fundamental sort of nerve required to imprison a Communist leader (7).
2 It helps pilot with tailspin to take a *measurement* (9).
3 End contract holding up work (7).
4 Maintenance for some luxury vehicle included (7).
5 Intervention with drugs knocking out cold (9).
6 Slender thing holding a revolver (7).
7 Select group, a sort of maniple (7).
12 Well thought of, but pure disaster on the board (9).
14 Where the dogs may sit for warmth? (9).
16 Fence — without its ends, it's going to fail (7).
17 Beagle misses nothing, going over colourful part of county (7).
18 Sacred chant in American city two notes short (7).
19 Ray, as a star, getting a broad smile (7).
20 Engines fail and less gets shunted (7).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,325

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WEATHER

Southeast England, East Anglia, North Wales, Northern Ireland and northern England will start cloudy with drizzle. Turning brighter, with sunshine in the afternoon, but showers possible in the east. The rest of England and Wales should start dry and bright but turn cloudy. Cloud and drizzle in southern Scotland will be replaced by drier, brighter conditions already in northern parts. Cooler, generally. Outlook: mainly fine. Rather cool.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	27	81	f	Madrid	28	82	s
Alicante	27	81	s	Majorca	28	79	s
Alex'dria	28	82	f	Malaga	25	77	f
Algiers	28	82	s	Malta	29	84	s
Amst'dam	17	63	f	Melb'rne	13	55	f
Athens	26	79	f	Miami*	32	90	f
Bahrain	35	95	s	Milan	24	75	s
Bangkok	33	91	t	Montreal*	22	72	s
Barbados*	31	88	f	Moscow	12	54	c
Barcelona	25	77	s	Munich	16	61	f
Beirut	29	84	f	Nairobi	22	72	c
Belgrade	18	64	c	Naples	27	81	s
Berlin	13	55	r	N Delhi	36	79	f
Bermuda*	30	86	s	N York*	29	84	s
Biarritz	23	73	s	Nice	26	77	s
Borde'x	23	73	s	Oslo	17	63	s
Brussels	18	64	c	Paris	21	70	s
Budapest	20	68	f	Peking	29	84	s
B Aires*	10	50	r	Perth	17	63	s
Cairo	31	88	f	Prague	16	61	f
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Reykjavik	12	54	c
Chicago*	23	73	f	Rhodes	28	82	s
Ch'church	15	59	s	Rio de J	27	81	s
Cologne	17	63	f	Riyadh	42	108	s
C'phagn	15	59	c	Rome	26	79	s
Corfu	27	81	s	Salzburg	17	63	s
Dublin	16	61	c	S F'isco*	22	72	s
Dubrovnik	24	75	s	Santiago*	17	63	s
Faro	24	75	c	S Paulo*	22	72	c
Florence	26	79	s	Seoul	23	84	f
Frankfurt	17	63	f	Sing'por	31	88	f
Funchal	25	77	s	Srkholm	16	61	f
Geneva	18	64	s	Strasb'rg	21	70	f
Gibraltar	23	73	f	Sydney	19	66	s
Helsinki	12	54	r	Tangier	26	79	c
Hong K	29	84	c	Tel Aviv	30	86	f
Innsbruck	17	63	s	Tenerife	27	81	s
Istanbul	21	70	f	Tokyo	25	77	c
Jeddah	37	99	s	Tunis	28	84	s
Jo'burg*	21	70	s	Valencia	27	81	s
Karachi	32	90	c	Vanc'ver*	19	66	s
L Palmas	26	79	s	Venice	23	73	f
Le Touq't	18	64	f	Vienna	17	63	s
Lisbon	26	82	s	Warsaw	14	57	c
Locarno	22	72	s	Wash'ton*	33	91	f
L Angele*	27	81	s	Wellington	12	54	s
Luxembg	18	64	f	Zurich	18	64	s
Luxor	40	104	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 19C (66F); min 6pm to 6am, 14C (57F). Humidity: 6pm, 56 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.8hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6pm, 1,022.8 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Ross on Wye, Hereford and Worcester, and Leeming, North Yorkshire 26C (79F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland 12C (54F); highest rainfall, Lerwick, Shetland 0.15in; highest sunshine, Torquay, Devon 12.5hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 21C (70F); min 6pm to 6am, 15C (59F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hrs to 6pm, 3.4hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 19C (66F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.0hr

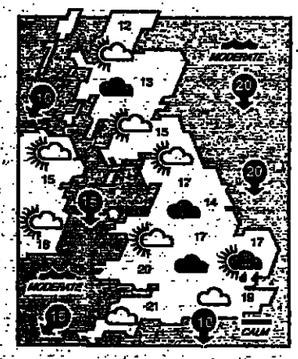
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	8.5	-	21	70	bright
Anglesey	12.4	-	19	66	sunny
Aviemore	4.5	-	19	66	cloudy
Belfast	10.2	-	22	72	sunny
Birmingham	11.8	-	24	75	sunny
Bognor Regis	7.5	-	21	70	sunny
Bournemouth	11.9	-	21	70	sunny
Bristol	12.4	-	25	77	sunny
Buxton	11.3	-	21	70	sunny
Cardiff	12.3	-	22	72	sunny
Clacton	4.7	-	18	64	sunny
Edinburgh	10.0	-	22	72	sunny
Eskdalemuir	9.6	-	21	70	sunny
Exmouth	12.3	-	20	68	sunny
Falmouth	11.0	-	22	72	sunny
Folkestone	3.9	-	19	66	bright
Glasgow	5.6	-	20	68	bright
Guernsey	12.0	-	20	68	sunny
Hastings	4.9	-	19	66	bright
Hunstanton	9.9	-	19	66	sunny
Isle of Man	8.8	-	21	70	sunny
Jersey	12.1	-	20	68	sunny
Kinloss	1.9	-	18	64	cloudy
Leeds	11.4	-	25	77	sunny
Littlehampton	6.7	-	20	68	sunny
Liverpool	11.8	-	20	68	sunny
London	9.5	-	23	73	sunny
Lowestoft	5.5	-	17	63	cloudy
Manchester	10.5	-	22	72	sunny
Margate	4.4	-	18	64	bright
Morecambe	8.1	-	19	66	sunny
Newquay	11.0	-	20	68	sunny
Nottingham	11.4	-	24	75	sunny
Penzance	11.9	-	20	68	sunny
Plymouth	12.1	-	19	66	sunny
Poole	11.2	-	22	72	sunny
Scarborough	11.5	-	23	73	sunny
Scilly Isles	12.7	-	20	68	sunny
Shanklin	10.1	-	20	68	sunny
Southend	6.0	-	19	66	bright
Southsea	10.4	-	20	68	sunny
Stornoway	1.6	0.01	16	61	rain
Swanage	12.0	-	20	68	sunny
Teignmouth	12.7	-	20	68	sunny
Tenby	10.9	-	22	72	sunny
Tiree	2.7	-	17	63	cloudy
Torquay	12.5	-	21	70	sunny
Weymouth	12.7	-	20	68	sunny
Wick	2.0	0.01	16	61	cloudy

These are Wednesday's figures

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.35	2.16
Austria Sch	18.58	17.08
Belgium Fr	56.88	52.28
Canada $	2.113	1.953
Cyprus CypE	0.788	0.738
Denmark Kr	10.88	10.08
Finland Mkk	9.45	8.68
France Fr	9.22	8.52
Germany Dm	2.64	2.43
Greece Dr	366.49	341.49
Hong Kong $	12.31	11.31
Ireland Pt	1.12	1.03
Italy Lira	2489.01	2334.01
Japan Yen	176.43	166.93
Netherlands Gld	2.96	2.72
Norway Kr	11.43	10.63
Portugal Esc	265.75	247.25
South Africa Rd	5.85	4.95
Spain Pta	207.88	188.88
Sweden Kr	12.64	12.64
Switzerland Fr	2.52	2.14
Turkey Lira	18000.00	17000.00
USA $	1.500	1.470

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.





London 8.13 pm to 5.46 am
Bristol 8.22 pm to 5.56 am
Edinburgh 8.32 pm to 5.51 am
Manchester 8.24 pm to 5.51 am
Penzance 8.32 pm to 6.10 am

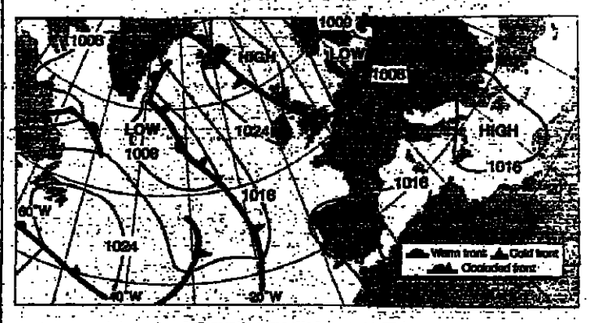
Sun rises: 6.16 am
Sun sets: 7.45 pm
Moon sets 8.53 am
Moon rises: 8.01 pm
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Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	17	63	f	Guernsey	18	64	s
B'mingham	18	64	c	Inverness	18	61	c
Blackpool	17	63	f	Jersey	21	70	s
Bristol	20	68	f	London	17	63	c
Cardiff	19	66	s	M'nchester	19	66	s
Edinburgh	18	64	s	Newcastle	18	64	c
Glasgow	18	64	r	R'nldsway	17	63	s

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.01	7.0	4.10	7.0	Liverpool	1.07	9.4	1.22	9.1
Aberdeen	3.02	4.2	3.36	4.1	Lowestoft	11.26	2.5	—	—
Avonmouth	9.25	12.8	9.37	13.0	Margate	2.09	4.8	2.08	4.7
Belfast	12.50	3.5	1.08	3.3	Milford Haven	8.17	6.7	8.33	6.8
Cardiff	8.10	11.9	9.22	12.0	Newquay	7.07	6.7	7.23	6.9
Devonport	7.48	5.2	7.56	5.4	Oban	7.40	3.9	8.00	4.1
Dover	12.57	6.4	1.10	6.6	Penzance	6.44	5.3	6.57	5.5
Falmouth	7.16	5.0	7.28	5.2	Portland	8.53	2.0	9.05	2.1
Glasgow	3.00	4.8	3.15	4.8	Portsmouth	1.05	4.6	1.28	4.7
Herwick	1.53	4.0	2.02	4.0	Shoreham	1.01	6.0	1.22	6.0
Holyhead	12.06	6.6	12.28	6.8	Southampton	12.41	4.4	1.05	4.4
Hull	8.17	7.6	8.42	7.2	Swansea	8.28	9.3	8.44	9.4
King's Lynn	8.28	6.7	8.55	6.5	Tees	5.33	5.4	5.57	5.1
Leith	4.25	5.4	4.57	5.8	Wilton-on-Ilen	1.46	4.2	1.59	4.3



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THE POUND

US $	1.4983 (-0.0085)
German mark	2.4710 (-0.0258)
Exchange index	80.5 (-0.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	3072.8 (-12.5)
Dow Jones	3639.51 (-5.59)*
Nikkei Avge	20983.20 (+29.90)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	6%
3-month interbank	5 15/16-5 13/16%
US Federal Funds	3%
3-month Treas Bills	2.99-2.98%*
Long Bond	6.06%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5013*	£:$	1.5012
$:DM	1.6480*	£:DM	2.4739
$:SWfr	1.4514*	£:SWfr	2.1805
$:Fr	5.8075*	£:Fr	8.7067
$:Yen	105.93*	£:Yen	158.97
£:SDR	1.0639	£:ECU	1.2983

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 369.20 ... PM 369.25
Close ... 362.50-363.00
New York:
Comex ... 363.25-363.75*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ... 140.7 July (1.4%)

* Denotes midday trading price

Rolls seeks £307m to fund engines

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

■ Rolls-Royce needs to develop the next generation of jet engines. The group has spent £2.1 billion on new engines since the stock market flotation in summer 1987

ROLLS-ROYCE is seeking £307 million from shareholders to help fund development of a new generation of airliner jet engines.

The cash call reflects the impact of the increasingly savage battle between Rolls and its American rivals, General Electric and Pratt & Whitney, for the airlines' favour.

Rolls has lifted its share of new engine orders from 22 per cent of the world civil market last year to 28 per cent in the first eight months of 1993. But the price has been wafer-thin profits and an outflow of cash.

The one-for-four rights issue, at 130p, accompanied news of an £11 million rise in pre-tax profits for the six months to end-June, to just £31 million on sales of £1.75 billion. Rolls shares closed 11p lower at 152p.The interim dividend has been cut from 2.55p to 2p, but the full-year payout is forecast to remain at 5p.

Sir Ralph Robins, chairman, said the rights cash would "strengthen Rolls" competitive position and enable us to maintain a strong balance sheet whilst continuing with our capital investment programme and the development of the technologies and products which are key to our market position and growth".

Since privatisation through a public share offer in 1987, Rolls has invested £2.1 billion in developing new engines. Although half the cash has been provided by the Ministry of Defence for development of warplane power plants, the rest, from the company's own resources, has been concentrated on diversification into civil aviation markets.

The company wants to push its market share past 30 per cent. Along with its American rivals, Rolls is engaged in a drive to develop its most powerful engines yet to equip a new generation of airliners.

First models of the Trent 700, developing 70,000 lbs of thrust, will be delivered for fitting to the Airbus A330 this year. Rolls has won orders to equip a third of the aircraft sold. An even more powerful variant, the Trent 800, is being developed to equip Boeing's airline workhorse for the 21st century, the 777, where Rolls has won orders for a quarter of the power plants.

But the pressure on Rolls' balance sheet has led the company to step up its campaign for ministerial action to bring aeroengines within the agreement between the United States and the EC on limiting subsidies in the aerospace industry. Rolls believes GE and Pratt & Whitney receive up to 80 per cent of their research and development spending from government agencies, a benefit worth about $700 million a year.

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DENZIL McNEELANCE



Sir Ralph Robins is calling for cash to strengthen Rolls' competitive position

Vickers returns to profit

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

VICKERS rolled back into the black yesterday after two years of losses. Massive cost-cutting and job reductions have restored the profitability of the specialist engineering group and even Rolls-Royce Motor Carsis on track to break even this year.

Group profit before tax in the half to end-June was £8.3 million against a £4.1 million loss last time. Confidence in further recovery is signalled by a 1.25p interim dividend, up from 0.5p last time, and the promise of a progressive dividend policy.

Markets have stopped shrinking and after two years of pruning, Vickers' chief executive, Sir Colin Chandler, has got costs into line with the lower production volumes. With 500 more jobs to go in the current year, most of them through natural wastage, Vickers expects the group payroll to stabilise at about 9,500.

During the first half, sales by the car business in Crewe, which has borne the brunt of job cuts, were 693, virtually unchanged year on year. But the mix is altering. Japan and other Pacific Rim countries now account for almost as many sales as the US, where the total, at 174, was down 13 per cent.

Britain, still the second biggest market at 171 cars, is starting to show signs of recovery. Cosworth, the high performance engine business, has scored success in the motorsport arena but sees soft sales for road use.

The defence business has better capacity utilisation after orders from the defence ministry and from Oman for Challenger 2 tanks.

The medical division, making incubators for new-born babies, has overcome last year's disappointing showing. Marine engineering performance was mixed because of low levels of shipbuilding worldwide but the waterjet business is expanding.

A £65 million rights issue in March has helped bring gearing back to six per cent. With moves towards closer collaboration with BMW in the car business firmly on the back burner, chairman Richard Lloyd is relying on the comfortable cash position to allow the businesses to increase activity gradually in line with recovery in the company's markets.

Demand for mark softens sterling

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

STERLING fell by more than two pfennigs against the German mark which was heavily bought yesterday in a session that saw other exchange-rate mechanism currencies come under pressure.

The pound's trade weighted index closed at 80.5 compared with its opening at 80.7 and its close on Wednesday of 81.0. It fell to DM2.4710 at the close yesterday from DM2.4968 at the previous finish. The FT-SE 100 index ended 12.5 points lower at 3,072.6.

Sterling's softness did not appear to be based on any new assessment of the British economy but rather on huge demand for marks. Investors were shying away from ERM currencies where governments are maintaining firm interest rates to defend currencies despite growing recession.

The Belgian central bank raised its discount rate to 7 per cent from 6 per cent and its emergency lending rate to 14 per cent to support the franc. Since the ERM was forced to move to wide fluctuation bands, Belgium and other European countries have tried to keep their currencies near to their old central parities. This has led to continual bouts of weakness for the Belgian and French francs and the Danish krone, among others.

The mark continues to be buoyed by the Bundesbank's extreme caution about lowering interest rates and a perception in the markets that the economy has bottomed out. Comments by Helmut Schlesinger, the Bundesbank president, that Germany's M3 money supply target is likely to be reached this year and that there were signs that inflation could decelerate had little impact.

British official reserves rose by $58 million in August against forecasts of around $100 million but the data still suggested that the Bank of England had hardly been active in the currency markets in August.

Venables sells his stake in Tottenham



Sugar: still facing action

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

TERRY Venables, ousted chief executive of Tottenham Hotspur, the quoted football company, has walked away from his battle to seize back control from Alan Sugar by selling his 23 per cent holding in the club for "more than £3 million". He has also resigned as a director.

However, Mr Venables said he would continue his action against Spurs and Mr Sugar, the company's multi-millionaire chairman, who has a controlling 47.8 per cent stake in the club, for alleged breach of contract, damages and wrongful dismissal.

The consideration compares with £4.5 million believed to have been offered by Mr Sugar earlier in the dispute. Edennote, Mr Venables' company, has sold 20.56 per cent of his stake to a number of investment institutions. It is understood the rest has gone to an Edennote creditor in lieu of payment, with Edennote retaining a nominal 100 shares.

Mr Venables, whose sacking in July by the Tottenham board was upheld by the High Court, said yesterday: "I know I will disappoint the loyal supporters of my club but it has become clear that to continue would mean possibly incurring debts of up to £1 million and I cannot expose my family and others close to me to that risk."

Mr Venables said he was "substantially out of pocket" but would be able to meet his financial commitments.

His action to oust Mr Sugar was due to be heard in November when Mr Venables was due to allege his interests had been unfairly prejudiced by his treatment by the Tottenham board and that Mr Sugar had allegedly acted "in bad faith" against the interests of Spurs and its shareholders.

However, Mr Venables failed to meet an August 19 High Court deadline to pay £300,000 "security of costs". When the deadline was missed, Mr Sugar said he would apply for a court order striking out Venables' action.

The world boom that could miss us out



ANTHONY HARRIS

The British government likes to talk about a world recession, which we have now escaped thanks to its wise policies; but try telling that story to the Chinese, the Malaysians or the Mexicans, to name but a few. There has not been a world recession at all. There has been a developed world recession, which started as a mild one in the US, was much worse in this country, and may yet prove to be worse still in Germany, dragging much of the Continent with it, and in Japan.

The US, Britain and Japan are suffering from the collapse of financial bubbles — a danger which only the US Federal Reserve adequately countered. All are facing growing competition from low-cost economies in the newly industrialised world, and now potentially the newly capitalist world as well. This means cost-cutting and restructuring in core industries. The Europeans and Japanese are further hampered by sharply over-valued currencies — the grim bandwagon that Britain inadvertently fell off on White Wednesday.

In spite of this depression in the world's main import markets, the less advanced economies, led by China, are still enjoying their boom. How can this be? One very simple answer is offered by Brian Reading in a mind-stretching circular from Lombard Street Research: they are catching up in a few decades with technologies developed over a couple of centuries in the advanced countries. Catching up is a lot quicker and easier than pioneering; join the crowds on the summit of Everest these days if you doubt it.

It is the implications of this simple insight that are mind-stretching. For a start, it suggests that world growth could still accelerate through the rest of this century, even if the developed economies remain sluggish or worse. Reading gloomily assumes that US growth remains stuck, while Germany and Japan actually slow down. All the same, his projections show that world growth, leaving out cyclical accidents, could rise as high as 5 per cent annually by the end of the nineties.

This is not because he expects any acceleration in the ultra-dynamic, and potentially huge economies of China and Indonesia (growing at about 8 per cent annually) or India (5 per cent). It is because as the years pass, these economies account for a bigger proportion of world output. No further miracles required. Looking 20 years ahead, this would imply that the newly emerging economies would bulk as large in the world picture as the OECD group, which still accounts for well over half the economic world. The bigger the NECs become, the less they will be troubled by the pains of the old developed world.

These pains will be severe, as we know; change is painful. Traditional industries will shrink in face of new competition: but only the alert, flexible and well-trained will join in the compensating boom in capital equipment, communications and know-how exports. Economically, there are large compensations: cheaper consumer goods, persistently low inflation. Real income growth could well speed up in the long run; but the employment market is likely to remain in turmoil as structures change.

Politically, then, the prospect is forbidding: losers from change tend to out-vote winners, and job insecurity means that even measurable prosperity may not feel good — Mr Major's big problem even now. The temptation to protect threatened jobs, which may be especially strong in Europe, could mean opting out of the world boom altogether, and skulking behind tariff barriers instead. Faster growth also implies renewed commodity price pressures in the medium term, and notably a rising oil price: a fortress Europe could, therefore, suffer inflation as well as slow growth. The current French-inspired crisis in the Gatt therefore has huge implications.

The Reading scenario is at this stage far too imprecise and accident-prone to translate into an investment strategy for coming decades, though it is suggestive: stick with high technology, oil, and incidentally back Britain's flexible labour market against European competition. But instead of trying to pick winners in a race in which the runners have yet to be declared, the wise investor will simply try to think, as Reading does, in a whole-world frame.

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Bredero finds new finance

Bredero Properties has agreed a refinancing of the first phase of its troubled Centre West development in Hammersmith, west London. Bayerische Hypotheken-un Wechsel-Bank has become the sole lending bank to Bredero Centre West, the project developer, providing a £70 million facility to enable the project to be completed.

As part of its refinancing Bredero is prohibited from paying dividends to ordinary or preference shareholders until the end of September, 1994.

Food firm loss

Yorkshire Food, the food processor floated in March, unveiled a small interim loss. Pre-tax losses for the six months to June 25 were £376,000 (£615,000 loss). Sales rose strongly to £29.5 million (£22.5 million). The maiden interim dividend is 0.72p.

Ian Agnew

Ian Agnew, underwriter of syndicate 406, asks us to point out that he was the third highest paid marine underwriter in 1992, contrary to yesterday's report which referred to underwriters in all sectors.

The Association of Lloyd's Members table which the report quoted compares 1992 underwriters' remuneration with 1989 underwriting results. An ALM spokesman pointed out that "the table does not indicate where there has been a change of underwriter". The entry for syndicate 406 shows Mr Agnew's payment for 1992, against members' losses for 1989, when Mr Agnew was not the underwriter of the syndicate. Mr Agnew was, however, the most profitable marine underwriter in 1990.

Pilkington's Sola sale will cut debts by 20%

By Rodney Hobson

PILKINGTON, the glass maker, is selling its Sola spectacle lens business for $315 million as part of its strategy to concentrate on core activities in manufacturing flat and safety glass.

The buyer is AEA Investors, a private group of wealthy Americans who have been investing in a range of businesses for the past 15 years. The group does not include any Sola management. The deal depends on the investors finalising funding arrangements and will need approval from Pilkington shareholders.

Pilkington shares gained 7p to 163p. The sale price represents a premium of 43 per cent, £56 million, over the total value of assets.

Sola manufactures and markets plastic and glass lenses for spectacles and sun glasses. Its headquarters are in California, but sales are spread over 20 countries.

Pilkington, whose chairman is Sir Antony Pilkington, moved into spectacles in the 1950s and has built the business organically. Sola has been highly successful. In the year to last March, it made operating profits of £19.1 million and pre-tax profits of £15.7 million on sales of £186 million.

However, Andrew Robb, Pilkington finance director, says: "It is a growing business and requires further investment for its next phase. Our flat and safety glass operations also require investment and it is a question of having to choose priorities."

Pilkington has borrowings of just over £1 billion, so the sale of Sola will cut debts by a fifth. Because Sola operates in countries where Pilkington does not have interest payments to offset against the tax bill, the impact on earnings will be neutral, Mr Robb says.

The group will have gearing of 70 per cent after the sale and has hopes of cutting that to 50 per cent, partly through cash flow, but, almost certainly, at least one more sale will follow.

Speculation among stock market analysts suggests that 50 per cent of Pilkington Australia could be floated or sold. Simon Brown, at Strauss Turnbull, said the sale price of Sola was in line with analysts' expectations. It would result in a profit of £60 million under the new accounting rules.

Mr Brown is forecasting pre-tax profits of £115 million in the year to next March, giving earnings per share of 6.9p and a net dividend of 4p. Profits for 1992-3 were only £40.7 million. He said the disposal of Pilkington Australia would not have as great an effect as the Sola sale because proceeds were likely to be less than £100 million. A deal in Australia could take up to six months to finalise, he added.

Pilkington may also require cash to buy other companies as it struggles to end a sequence of three consecutive falls in annual profits. It has taken over the glass processing and distribution business of Heywood Williams and is in a partnership paying £90 million for Societa Italiana Vetro, the Italian state-owned glass company being privatised.

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Sir Antony Pilkington is focusing on core activity

Harland and Wolff chairman resigns

By Our City Staff

JOHN Parker, the chairman and chief executive of Harland and Wolff, the Belfast shipbuilder, resigned yesterday to join the board of an unnamed international group.

Dr Parker will remain on the H&W board as a non-executive director. He is succeeded as chief executive by Per Nielsen, the yard's current managing director. Fred Olsen, the Norwegian shipping tycoon who holds 49 per cent of H&W shares, becomes non-executive chairman.

As chairman of the Timex Corporation, Mr Olsen heads the management involved in the bitter Dundee industrial dispute. His appointment as H&W chairman is thus unlikely to be greeted with enthusiasm in trade union circles.

The announcement of the impending departure of Dr Parker, who joined the company as a 16-year-old apprentice 35 years ago, surprised the business community in Ulster, where, in spite of a much reduced workforce, H&W is a pillar of commerce.

Dr Parker rejoined the company in 1982 from the vice-chairmanship of the former British Shipbuilders. He then piloted the Belfast company from state ownership and years of decline to private ownership in September 1989, heading the management and employee buy-out that took 51 per cent of the shares, enlisting Mr Olsen's support in taking the other 49 per cent.

H&W is building the fourth of five tankers for Mr Olsen's Norwegian companies, but desperately needs new orders to secure its future.

Chrysalis sells stake in new label to Japan

CHRYSALIS, the record and entertainment company, has agreed to sell a 25.1 per cent shareholding in its new Echo label to Fujisankei, the Japanese media and communications group, for £15 million. Echo was launched by Chrysalis in July. The company had been prevented from setting up any new record businesses for a year under a "no competition" agreement after selling its previous label to Thorn EMI. Fujisankei is taking the stake in the Echo label through Pony Canyon, its music division.

Chrysalis will retain 56.2 per cent control of the new label, with Steve Lewis, managing director of Chrysalis Music Division, holding the balance. News of the agreement sent Chrysalis shares soaring 37p to 117p in the stock market. Chrysalis, whose main business is currently music publishing, said an announcement about new artists for the label was imminent.

Reckitt & Colman ahead

RECKITT & Colman, the food and pharmaceuticals group, beat market expectations with interim pre-tax profits of £153.2 million. Last year's interim figure was £82 million, which included a £44 million loss on the withdrawal from businesses. The shares rose 8p to 630p. Sales rose 14 per cent to £1.1 billion but, stripping out currency gains and benefits of disposals and acquisitions, the underlying increase was 2 per cent. The dividend rises 8.4 per cent to 6.45p.

Ashley back in profit

ASHLEY Group, the window blinds to plywood producer, returned to the black for the first time since 1991 with a £6.5 million change of fortune at the interim stage. Ashley reported pre-tax profit of £1.6 million for the half year to June 30, against a £4.9 million loss last time, which included £2.8 million of exceptional charges. The latest figure was aided by a £1.9 million unused provision made in 1992 for Digsa, a Spanish food retailer now sold. There is no interim dividend.

Severn Trent buys in US

SEVERN Trent has paid $11.9 million for McCullough Environmental Services of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, as part of its push to be a major player in the US water business. McCullough, a privately owned company, had sales of $12.5 million and pre-tax profits of $1.1 million last year. The acquisition of McCullough follows the purchase in May of AM-TEX of Houston, Texas. Municipal contracts held by McCullough serve a total of 750,000 people.

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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373				
Mastertrust	129.00	137.90	-0.60	1.24
International	98.70	105.00	-0.60	.30
Dividend Gth	61.64	65.57	-0.01	4.29
Global Gth Sec	63.53	67.58	...	2.44
Ethical Growth	69.78	74.23	-0.20	2.40
High Inc Equity	164.00	174.40	...	4.31
Worldwide Bond	272.70	289.30	-1.60	3.63
Gilts Fixed Int	135.70	143.90†	-0.10	5.56
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0224 633070 Dealing: 0800 833580 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ 071 374 6501				
Amer Inc Gth	45.33	47.83	-0.22	0.65
European	91.18	96.64	-0.62	...
European Inc	86.51	91.78†	-0.21	1.64
Exempt	955.30	986.00	+1.80	3.87
Extra Inc	49.26	53.53†	-0.32	4.88
F East Emerg Ec	92.90	100.10	+0.12	0.65
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL 0793 514514 Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	407.70	435.80†	+0.80	3.77
Equity Inc	229.90	245.70	...	3.71
High Yield	258.50	276.30	-0.20	3.71
Balanced	687.00	734.40	-1.30	2.39
American Inc	51.03	54.55†	+0.46	2.91
Wld Asset Val	43.75	46.76†	+0.12	0.96
Japan	216.90	231.10	+1.40	0.01
Secs of Am	424.00	451.30	+3.10	0.47
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	339.80	361.50	+1.40	2.45
-do- Inc	240.80	256.20	+1.00	2.45
Higher Inc Acc	632.10	672.50	+2.00	3.48
-do- Inc	384.00	408.60	+1.30	3.48
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	186.40	196.80	-0.30	5.90
-do- Inc	95.32	100.60	-0.20	5.90
Nth America	252.90	269.10	+0.50	...
Far East	333.30	354.60	-0.30	0.10
Europe	251.60	267.70	+0.10	0.71
General Inc	461.20	490.70	+1.90	2.25
-do- Acc	506.00	538.40	+2.10	2.25
Brit Excell	68.67	73.06	+0.17	2.51
Brit Fndmnls Inc	74.80	79.58	+0.15	4.31
Brit Fndmnls Acc	96.35	102.50	+0.20	4.31
Global Opps	79.29	84.36	-0.11	..
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	266.70	279.70	+3.70	1.25
Capital Gwth	110.70	116.50	...	2.34
Worldwide Opps	164.80	173.50	...	0.53
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544				
Capital	112.50	120.40	+0.20	2.69
Euro Gth Inc	124.60	132.30	-1.30	0.64
Extra Inc	116.40	124.50	-0.20	4.14
General	260.60	278.70	+0.20	2.58
Gilt Fxd Inc	61.57	63.66	+0.03	7.87
Income	524.90	561.40	-0.70	3.96
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9082				
American Gth	95.02	100.80	-0.30	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	126.50	135.20	-0.20	...
Convertibles	56.92	60.87	-0.04	7.00
Eastern	202.80	218.30	-0.90	1.60
Equity Income	89.23	94.92	+0.10	6.20
European Gth	256.80	273.10	-0.30	1.50
Europe	166.70	178.20	-0.40	1.50
Exempt	88.13	90.53†	...	3.50
German Growth	69.05	73.49	+0.17	0.70
Global Growth	115.10	123.10	+0.20	...
Japan Growth	212.70	227.60	-0.50	...
Japan Sunrise	186.50	199.50	-0.60	...
Portfolio	126.60	135.40†	+0.20	3.20
-do- Acc	227.60	243.50	+0.30	3.20
UK Growth	88.39	94.03	-0.40	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	91.60	97.96	-0.27	1.90
Select Managers	69.16	73.92	-0.11	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	112.44	120.26	+0.21	1.87
-do- Inc	102.22	109.33	+0.19	1.87
Global Bond	30.98	32.87	-0.12	5.37
High Yield Acc	59.75	63.91	+0.08	3.50
-do- Inc	42.90	45.88	-0.05	3.50
Smlr Cos Acc	103.34	110.52	-0.26	1.35
-do- Inc	94.98	101.58	-0.24	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	62.62	66.98	+0.14	..
-do- Inc	61.46	65.73†	+0.14	..
Euro Gth Acc	114.99	122.98	-1.39	1.07
-do- Inc	112.63	120.46†	-1.36	1.07
Mngd P folio	38.90	41.60	-0.11	1.29
Pacific Growth	111.50	119.25	-0.56	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	101.66	108.72	-1.13	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	142.00	151.20†	-0.50	2.77
Smaller Cos Acc	328.70	351.70	-0.80	..
Smaller Cos Inc	191.20	204.60	-0.50	1.06
High Inc	77.30	82.71†	-1.00	6.34
Income	141.30	151.10	-0.30	3.64
Mngd P folio Inc	99.71	106.20†	-0.80	1.87
-do- Acc	189.70	202.10	-1.50	..
North American	108.70	115.80	-0.50	0.19
Orient	147.60	152.70	+1.30	...
Recovery	45.03	48.41	-0.13	2.31
German	46.17	49.49	-0.20	0.08
Intl Growth	36.86	39.26	+0.08	0.20
European Inc	34.02	25.85	-0.13	0.44
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7226				
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	68.20	69.12	+0.01	5.05
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	145.40	154.70	-0.20	1.53
UK Growth	157.30	167.40†	-0.30	1.97
UK Income	134.10	142.70	-0.20	3.92
CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	95.28	101.90	+0.70	0.80
Growth	47.64	50.95	-0.32	2.75
Income	58.48	62.55	+0.38	3.79
Far East	32.87	36.55	-0.06	...
North American	94.16	101.20	-0.10	...
Global	93.69	100.20	+0.56	0.45
European	78.61	84.07	-0.32	0.62
Japan	123.80	132.40	-0.10	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	61.99	65.67	-0.22	5.80
UK Cap Gwth	87.71	93.80	+0.16	1.80
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	137.80	146.70	-0.70	0.10
-do- Acc	146.60	156.00	-0.60	0.10
European	72.06	76.39†	-0.36	0.61
-do- Acc	75.17	79.69	-0.37	0.61
Far East Gen	70.85	75.38	-0.67	...
-do- Acc	70.85	75.38	-0.67	...
Smaller Cos	71.41	75.97†	-0.37	1.71
-do- Acc	80.67	85.82	-0.41	1.71
Growth	407.90	436.30†	+0.60	2.14
-do- Acc	707.30	756.50	+1.00	2.14
Income Growth	405.20	431.10†	+3.40	3.48
-do- Acc	550.50	585.70	+4.60	3.48
Master Portfolio	10177.0	10564.0†	-28.00	2.11
-do- Acc	11855.0	12306.0	-33.00	2.11
Special Sits	94.08	100.09†	-0.10	2.05
-do- Acc	111.22	118.32	-0.11	2.05
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1314.0	1355.0	+3.00	3.97
-do- Acc	1551.0	1599.0	+4.00	3.97
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	199.60	212.60	...	1.55
Capital	574.90	613.60	-1.40	2.21
Eurotrack 100	144.30	153.70	+0.30	1.34
Euro Gth	91.65	97.71	+0.24	0.86
Far East Growth	102.50	109.40	+0.40	...
Global Bond	24.33	25.64	-0.07	5.83
Hong Kong	87.70	93.60	-0.38	0.64
Income	549.40	586.30	-0.50	3.73
Intl Growth	78.67	83.96	+0.16	0.16
Japan Growth	303.60	324.00	+2.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	38.36	40.94	+0.28	...
Japan Index	87.50	93.38	+0.33	0.22
Nth American	457.50	488.30	+1.70	0.45
S pore Mly Gth	64.16	68.47	+0.88	...
The Footsie Fd	114.60	121.00	+0.10	2.55
Tiger Index	158.50	169.20†	+1.40	0.58
Tride Index	113.60	121.20†	...	2.08
UK Index	132.10	141.00	...	2.84
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	88.24	94.22	...	1.05
European P folio	81.78	87.18	...	0.98
Japanese P folio	71.99	76.57	...	...
Pacific P folio	112.35	120.81	...	1.08
Cazenove P folio	77.49	82.88	...	2.63
UK Income Gth	70.19	75.22	...	4.58
Utility & Bond	55.26	56.05	...	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	654.95	658.15	-38.20	4.53
Fixed Int	165.45	165.80	+5.80	8.75
Deposit	5.70	...	5.82	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	647.05	654.98	+33.19	4.57
-do- Acc	2595.0	2637.0	+162.1	...
Deposit	5.70	...	5.82	...
Fxd Int Inc	134.35	134.69	+4.63	8.61
-do- Acc	184.65	185.12	+7.66	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	68.43	72.03	...	2.10
Beckman Intl	90.41	95.49	+2.61	2.78
Friars Hse Inc	190.83	205.19	...	3.68
Friars Hse Cap	269.41	289.69†	...	2.52
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Income	156.23	166.20	+0.41	3.48
Equity Incom Acc	517.22	550.23	+1.35	3.48
Fixed & Convert	44.04	46.85	+0.09	6.15
Fixed & Conv Acc	118.03	125.56	+0.26	6.15
Monthly Income	51.54	54.83	-0.05	6.92
Preference	50.79	54.03	-0.03	6.23
Preference Acc	265.80	282.77	-0.16	6.23
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	127.29	135.95	+0.61	4.07
High Yield Acc	491.33	522.69	+2.31	4.07
Managed Fund	66.88	71.15	+0.01	3.12
Managed Fd Acc	81.69	86.90	..	3.12
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	40.27	42.84	+0.01	1.40
Smaller Cos Acc	45.71	48.63	+0.02	1.40
UK & General	73.92	78.64	+0.35	2.31
UK & General Acc	89.71	95.44	+0.43	2.31
UK Growth	126.74	134.83	+0.61	1.79
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	169.81	180.65	-0.83	0.78
Far East Growth	118.70	126.28	+0.01	..
Global Bond	89.05	94.67	-0.25	5.06
Gold & Comm	60.46	64.32	-0.72	...
Japan Growth	130.32	138.64	-0.77	...
North America	156.04	166.00	-0.52	0.13
Oriental Growth	63.13	67.16	...	0.17
W'wide Growth	62.78	67.14	-0.22	0.14
-do- Acc	65.49	70.04	-0.23	0.14
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.11	93.11	+0.01	5.16
Deposit Fund Acc	93.11	93.11	+0.01	5.16
Quilter Fund	130.49	138.82†	+0.57	2.36
Quilter Fund Acc	146.40	155.74	+0.64	2.36
CREDIT SUISSE INVESTMENT FUNDS (UK) LTD Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	65.30	69.47	+0.14	1.78
-do- Acc	73.61	78.31	+0.15	1.78
Income Fund 3	229.90	244.60	+0.30	3.83
-do- Acc	534.90	569.10	+0.60	3.83
Inv Portfolio	71.73	74.34†	-0.34	2.03
-do- Acc	81.74	84.71†	-0.38	2.03
Smaller Cos	136.40	145.20	-0.10	1.12
-do- Acc	168.10	178.70	+0.10	1.12
High Inc P folio	64.96	67.32	-0.13	4.26
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	92.18	98.06	+0.48	0.81
Japanese Acc	68.21	72.56†	+0.43	...
UK Balncd Inc	135.40	144.00	+0.10	2.39
-do- Acc	159.60	169.80	+0.10	2.39
UK Growth Acc	219.10	233.10	-0.30	1.92
UK High Inc	145.90	156.20	+0.60	5.70
-do- Acc	176.80	187.90	+0.80	5.70
N America Acc	116.80	124.30	-0.90	0.22
European Acc	173.30	184.40	-1.60	0.80
UK Pref P/I Inc	62.73	66.52	-0.11	6.62
-do- Acc	103.20	109.50	-0.20	6.62
Intl Sp Sits Acc	51.52	54.81†	-0.33	0.21
Environmntl Opp	76.20	81.06	-0.08	1.52
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	117.00	124.30	+0.50	0.40
UK Smlr Cos	221.70	235.60	-0.10	1.06
Eurofund	41.40	43.80	-0.09	0.91
Mngd Exempt	179.50	187.10	+2.70	2.81
Growth Inc	227.30	241.50†	...	3.11
High Dist	153.30	165.00	+0.40	4.55
International	348.10	369.90	+1.30	0.88
Intl Income	87.14	93.02	-0.01	2.80
Pacific	63.83	67.82	-0.35	0.44
Smllr Jap Cos	80.39	85.41	+0.39	...
Tokyo	227.60	241.80†	+1.20	...
Japan Exempt	129.80	133.30	+0.10	0.38
Sm Jap Exempt	635.20	662.60	-4.50	0.08
Equity Income	130.20	138.30†	+0.10	3.62
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	153.50	162.50	-0.50	0.46
Financial	46.58	49.49	-0.10	2.41
Global Opps Inc	95.28	101.20	-0.10	0.99
-do- Acc	98.76	104.90	+0.10	0.99
Gold Gen Inc	52.14	55.40	+0.01	0.54
-do- Acc	100.10	106.40	+0.10	0.54
Japan General	176.10	187.10	+0.70	...
Preference	23.94	25.44	-0.07	7.15
Worldwide Cap	213.80	227.20	+1.10	1.76
World Income	91.25	96.95	+0.21	3.07
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	187.70	202.20	+1.30	0.88
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	113.49	119.46	-0.29	3.11
High Income	132.05	139.00	-0.02	4.45
Tst of Inv Tsts	165.59	174.31†	-0.90	2.08
Special Sits	90.54	95.30	+0.34	2.06
North American	109.57	115.34	+1.00	0.98
Far Eastern	269.29	283.46	+1.56	1.57
Intl Growth	104.10	109.58	-0.43	1.18
European	71.03	74.77	+0.59	1.83
Smaller Cos	72.56	76.38	+0.11	1.83
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	243.30	258.80	...	3.50
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414161				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	141.70	150.70	-0.30	...
High Income	27.83	29.28†	-0.14	5.67
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	103.10	109.00†	-0.10	0.57
Far Eastern	148.60	159.40	-0.60	...
High Income	23.95	25.51†	+0.03	10.00
Oseas Income	92.27	98.60	-3.10	3.05
UK Growth	102.60	109.70†	+0.10	0.86
UK Income	110.50	118.20	-1.10	2.79
US Smaller Cos	283.40	303.10	-1.20	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	51.76	55.01	-0.27	...
-do- Acc	51.76	55.01	-0.27	
Am Smllr Co	457.80	489.50	-2.30	...
-do- Acc	467.70	500.10	-2.30	...
Capital	305.60	325.00	-0.70	1.55
-do- Acc	425.60	452.70	-0.90	1.55
Contl Smllr Cos	51.02	54.73	-0.02	0.86
-do- Acc	53.33	57.21	-0.03	0.86
Convertible	122.80	130.60	-0.10	5.47
-do- Acc	233.10	247.90	-0.23	5.47
Emg Mark	60.40	64.52	+0.19	..
-do- Acc	60.40	64.52	-0.19	...
European	105.00	112.20	-0.20	0.67
-do- Acc	109.40	117.00	-0.20	0.67
Extra Income	317.50	337.70	-0.30	3.63
-do- Acc	454.70	483.60	+0.50	3.63
Financial	119.20	127.60	-0.40	0.13
-do- Acc	124.80	133.60	-0.40	0.13
Gth Gth Tst	68.42	70.55	-0.36	5.82
-do- Acc	88.41	91.16	-0.46	5.82
Health Fund Inc	120.70	128.90	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	120.70	128.90	-0.30	...
Income Tst	195.80	208.20	...	3.46
-do- Acc	277.50	295.10	+0.10	3.46
Intl Growth	342.50	365.80	-1.40	...
-do- Acc	380.30	406.20	-1.60	...
Japan Gen	197.40	211.10	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	199.40	213.20	-0.30	...
Mngd P folio Inc	98.52	103.70	..	0.80
-do- Acc	103.60	109.00	...	0.80
Monthly Income	165.20	175.70	+0.10	3.62
Qrtly Inc	53.35	56.74	+0.17	5.40
-do- Acc	54.11	57.55	+0.17	5.40
Recovery	317.30	339.30	+1.00	0.35
-do- Acc	372.80	398.60	+1.20	0.35
UK Growth	50.46	53.92	+0.28	2.30
-do- Acc	50.46	53.92	+0.28	2.30
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	373.32	397.15	-0.35	2.56
-do- Acc	762.31	810.97	-0.70	2.56
Euro Gth Dist	118.10	125.64†	-0.81	0.66
-do- Acc	122.74	130.57†	-0.84	0.66
Fixed Int Dist	139.58	147.64†	-0.23	5.84
-do- Acc	239.41	252.81†	-0.39	5.84
Intl Gth Dist	84.02	89.38	-0.36	0.58
-do- Acc	87.22	92.79	-0.37	0.58
Nth Amer Dist	177.72	188.26	-1.55	0.80
-do- Acc	193.69	205.18	-1.70	0.80
Pac Basin Dist	270.42	287.68	-0.99	0.01
-do- Acc	275.59	293.18	-1.00	0.01
Stewardship Dist	321.52	342.04	-0.39	1.79
-do- Acc	383.38	407.85	-0.46	1.79
Stwd Inc Dist	68.70	73.08†	-0.03	2.95
-do- Acc	85.65	91.12†	-0.07	2.95
N Am Stwd Dist	102.50	109.04	-0.33	.
-do- Acc	108.43	115.35	-0.36	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	145.90	155.70	+0.10	...
European	451.00	479.70	-4.30	0.88
Far East General	249.50	266.80	-1.10	0.27
Germany	112.30	118.90	-0.10	0.39
Global Assets In	74.86	79.63	...	2.02
Global Assets Ac	79.16	84.41	...	1.98
Income Inc	135.80	145.30	-0.30	6.06
International	310.60	331.90	-1.70	0.84
Intl Income	83.64	88.87	-0.24	4.48
Japan General	406.70	432.70	-2.30	...
Smlr Cos Div	50.43	53.94	-0.08	6.00
UK Capital Inc	177.40	189.80†	-0.40	3.96
-do- Acc	306.00	327.30	-0.90	3.43
UK Spec Sits	84.12	89.97	-0.01	1.41
US General	128.70	137.20	+0.30	0.10
W'wide Spec Sits	138.70	148.00	+0.10	0.09
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	47.27	50.56†	+0.12	1.29
Cash Trust*	130.11	130.11†	+0.08	5.11
Pract Inv Inc	112.44	120.68	-0.25	3.80
-do- Acc	241.38	259.08	-0.53	3.80
UK Smaller Cos	111.82	119.92	+0.03	0.77
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.61	29.53	-0.05	7.89
High Inc	34.38	36.77†	+0.07	4.46
UK Equity Inc	137.57	147.13†	+0.09	3.69
Global Bond	30.70	31.82	-0.14	5.63
International Funds				
Gold Intl	91.23	97.83	+1.10	0.43
Frontier Markets	46.82	50.21	+0.09	0.12
Global Inc Gth	127.31	135.72	+0.09	1.77
UK Intl	126.78	135.59	+0.52	0.33
Overseas Funds				
American	135.04	144.20	+0.01	0.43
European	90.09	95.49	-0.39	0.90
Euro Sel Opps	109.01	115.90†	-0.52	0.63
American Emerg	90.95	97.53	+0.18	...
Hong Kong	123.07	131.98	-1.08	1.89
Japan	252.99	266.79	-0.60	...
Pacific Growth	173.86	186.45	+0.03	0.36
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	137.52	147.08	-0.29	0.32
American Gth	137.17	146.71	-0.84	...
European Gth	73.38	78.48	-0.59	0.61
Japan Gth	87.23	93.27	-0.19	...
Greater China	149.95	160.37†	-0.13	2.85
Pacific Strategy	138.94	148.60	+0.63	0.30
UK Prog Inc	79.99	84.29†	+0.40	4.69
British Growth	51.55	54.42	-0.08	2.47
UK Small Cos	47.39	50.69	-0.11	1.81
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	132.30	132.30	...	6.02
Gilt Fixed	130.40	138.40†	-0.30	5.03
Growth Equity	314.10	335.50	-1.70	1.89
Guardhill	458.00	489.30†	-1.20	1.98
Income Trust	117.00	125.00	+0.10	3.28
International	171.70	183.40	-1.20	0.01
Japan Trust	136.70	146.00	-1.00	...
Nth American	269.10	287.50	-2.10	0.36
Pacific	421.20	450.00	-1.30	...
European	393.10	419.90	-2.90	0.16
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 608, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	37.52	39.78†	-0.30	1.40
-do- Acc	39.55	41.93	-0.30	1.40
Inc Adv Inc	31.05	32.92†	-0.10	3.61
-do- Acc	32.87	34.85	-0.10	3.61
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	82.83	88.73	-0.49	0.92
Equity Income	121.40	129.10†	...	3.25
European	144.80	153.10	-1.20	0.88
Intl Situation	80.80	85.96	-0.85	...
Japanese	150.60	159.80	-1.90	...
North American	99.22	105.50	-1.70	0.08
Scandinavian	129.80	137.20†	-1.00	...
Smaller Cos	32.32	34.38	-0.64	1.86
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	95.89	102.50	-0.22	...
Asian Enterprise	144.08	154.07	-0.93	0.39
European	418.86	442.93	+0.19	0.68
European Inc	76.58	81.01†	-0.36	2.35
Euro Sml Co	130.96	139.27	+0.22	0.56
Extra Income	278.10	296.06†	-3.94	4.50
Family of Funds	76.61	81.66†	-0.14	0.52
Global Bond	58.29	62.34†	-0.81	6.65
High Inc	316.52	338.35†	+0.14	3.72
Income Gth	257.81	274.56	+0.41	3.18
-do- Acc	666.87	710.21	+1.06	3.18
International	247.16	263.70	-1.25	0.49
Japan Spc Sit	263.27	280.21	-0.45	..
Japan	229.71	244.65†	-0.31	...
N Amer	227.01	241.82	-1.18	...
Pacific Smllr Cos	213.89	227.47	-0.90	0.24
Pref Gth	49.07	52.74†	-0.08	7.70
Smaller Cos Div	184.06	197.12†	+0.65	3.73
Special Sits	279.72	299.30†	+1.59	1.57
-do- Acc	433.25	463.57	+2.45	1.57
Best of British	60.63	64.89	+0.46	2.24
Henderson TR				
American Gth	...	...	...	...
Euro Spec Sits	51.39	54.73	+0.03	0.72
-do- Acc	54.41	57.95	+0.03	0.72
Far East Opps	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
General Growth	...	...	...	...
Global Tech	138.70	148.40	-0.30	...
Income Growth	109.63	117.24†	-0.10	3.52
Income Monthly	...	...	...	...
Japan Growth	89.92	95.95	-0.09	...
Overseas Gth	...	...	...	...
Smaller Cos	78.70	84.20	+0.04	1.55
Special Opps	116.26	125.01†	+0.48	1.24
Wld Spec Sits	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	92.37	98.79	+0.29	2.11
Capital	164.00	175.40†	+0.20	1.78
Dollar	325.20	348.80	-2.60	.01
European	216.80	231.80	-0.40	.55
Far East	261.90	280.11	+0.10	.23
Financial	773.80	827.50	-8.70	1.81
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	27.61	28.68	+0.02	7.21
High Yield	110.90	118.60	-0.30	4.13
Income	145.50	155.60	+0.50	3.07
Intl	229.80	245.70	-0.10	.177
Japan Tech	76.91	82.25	-0.33	...
Nat Resources	63.68	68.10	-0.56	.42
Security	318.10	340.20	+1.30	1.80
Smaller Cos	119.50	127.80	-2.70	1.12
Special Sits	145.90	156.00†	+0.50	1.51
US Smaller Cos	75.03	80.24	+0.29	...
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	27.35	29.23†	-0.06	1.21
Special Features	30.02	31.89	+0.04	1.84
-do- Acc	35.45	37.66	-0.05	1.84
General Funds				
UK Growth	57.54	61.44	+0.32	1.98
Assets Earnings	75.32	80.02†	-0.03	2.20
do Acc	89.88	95.49†	+0.02	2.19
Managed Invest	95.09	102.50	...	1.09
Rupert Children	80.20	85.53	+0.14	2.04
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.15	50.15†	+0.01	4.45
Extra Inc	86.61	92.53†	+0.10	4.55
Gilt	29.54	31.09	+0.05	6.23
Income Gth	41.53	44.32	+0.13	3.41
MIDstar	81.05	82.81	+0.08	7.60
Preference	18.69	19.85†	-0.01	6.38
UK Income	333.50	356.10	-0.10	2.89
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fuel Sec	64.39	68.41	-0.03	1.17
Property Shares	71.09	76.55†	-0.34	1.50
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	154.90	163.40	-0.60	3.58
European Acc	126.70	134.30†	...	1.45
European Dist	119.40	126.50†	-1.30	1.46
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	50.37	53.59†	-0.23	0.94
European Perf	128.50	136.50†	-0.60	0.66
-do- Acc	132.60	140.80†	-0.60	0.66
Euro Small Cos	23.98	25.50	+0.03	0.60
French Growth	72.91	77.60	-0.27	0.47
-do- Acc	77.89	82.90	-0.29	0.47
Hong K/China	75.13	79.82	-0.55	1.55
Intl Growth	56.19	59.70	-0.08	0.66
-do- Acc	56.19	59.70	-0.08	0.66
Japan Perf	37.43	39.81	-0.07	...
Accum Units	37.47	39.81	-0.07	...
Japan Smllr Cos	41.52	44.11†	+0.03	...
Singapore Asean	94.41	100.30	-0.20	0.30
-do- Acc	95.06	101.00	-0.20	0.30
South East Asia	258.40	274.50	+0.10	0.62
US Smllr Cos	108.70	115.40	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	109.80	116.60	-0.30	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	90.87	96.50	+0.03	2.42
Intl Bond	59.61	60.45†	-0.35	5.54
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	70.14	70.49†	+0.01	4.98
Extra Income	55.54	59.09†	...	6.56
Gilt Yield	123.50	130.30†	-0.30	6.92
Global Income	215.00	228.70†	+1.00	3.83
High Yield	143.50	152.70	+0.31	5.46
Smllr Cos Div	53.80	57.23†	-0.01	3.43
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	96.35	102.50	+0.60	...
North American	78.95	83.99	+0.12	0.40
European	142.70	151.80	+0.50	1.47
Euro Special	85.03	90.46	+0.62	1.38
General	277.60	295.30	-0.40	3.02
Japan	464.80	494.50	+3.20	...
Japanese Special	260.50	277.10	+1.70	...
Master Acc	233.50	248.40	-2.40	1.34
Pacific	299.70	318.80	+2.50	0.51
Smaller Cos	105.80	112.60	-3.55	1.50
UK Equity Gth	39.87	42.42†	-0.12	1.65
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	80.76	85.92	-0.49	0.94
Extra Income	25.62	27.26	-0.03	3.31
Far East	30.19	32.12	-0.16	0.75
Income Gwth	76.64	81.53†	-0.09	2.59
Intl Growth	55.76	59.32	-0.20	0.61
Japan	70.69	75.20†	-0.48	...
Maximum Dist*	100.20	102.20†	...	6.91
N Amer Equity	39.85	42.39	-0.32	0.26
UK Equity	92.62	98.53	+0.76	2.62
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	55.22	58.74	+0.44	4.26
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690895				
Equity Dist	451.30	480.10†	+2.00	2.58
Equity Acc	870.10	925.60	+3.90	2.58
Equity Income	99.83	106.20†	+0.40	4.38
European	104.50	111.20†	-0.30	1.17
Far Eastern	205.70	218.80	-2.20	...
Fixed Interest	56.39	59.99	-0.16	5.82
Gilt	97.22	103.10	-0.20	5.97
Global Growth	73.31	77.99	-0.75	0.41
Intl Bond	57.80	61.49†	-0.20	4.62
Japanese	78.41	83.41	-0.60	...
Overseas Equity	105.80	112.50	-0.50	0.04
Pacific Gth	96.63	102.80	-0.90	0.41
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	335.20	356.70	-0.20	2.57
-do- Acc	736.40	783.50	-0.30	2.57
Contl Euro Gth	55.97	58.92	-0.79	1.08
-do- Acc	59.19	62.31	-0.83	1.08
Extra Inc	254.80	271.10	-0.30	3.73
-do- Acc	629.80	670.00	-0.90	3.73
German Gth	113.80	119.80	-1.40	0.07
-do- Acc	119.40	125.70	-1.40	0.07
Growth Port	519.60	552.80	-0.50	0.40
-do- Acc	519.60	552.80	-0.50	0.40
Income	479.40	510.00	-7.60	3.30
-do- Acc	1231.0	1310.0	-18.00	3.30
Income Port	515.00	547.90	-0.40	4.29
-do- Acc	522.60	556.00	-0.40	4.29
Japan Growth	109.00	116.00	-0.80	0.01
-do- Acc	109.40	116.40	-0.70	0.01
Master Trust	55.32	58.86	-0.11	1.19
-do- Acc	60.91	64.80	-0.12	1.19
N American Gen	192.50	204.80	-1.20	0.01
-do- Acc	222.30	236.50	-1.40	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	147.60	157.10	-0.60	0.01
-do- Acc	150.60	160.30	-0.60	0.01
Pacific Basin	222.70	237.00	-1.30	0.79
-do- Acc	235.30	250.40	-1.50	0.79
Small Cos Rec	326.50	343.70	...	2.12
-do- Acc	425.20	447.60	+0.10	2.32
UK Growth	83.12	88.43	-0.03	2.12
-do- Acc	97.85	104.10	-0.10	2.12
Worldwide Gth	300.50	319.70	-1.70	0.27
-do- Acc	443.20	471.50	-2.50	0.27
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	82.94	88.99	-0.11	2.60
Income	65.28	70.05†	-0.27	4.90
International	61.17	63.63	-0.36	0.70
American	61.76	66.27	-0.44	0.30
Japan	59.58	63.93†	-0.36	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	63.47	68.10	-0.38	1.60
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing 0345 390390				
American Gen	396.40	419.20†	-3.90	0.87
-do- Acc	489.70	518.00	-4.70	0.87
American Rec	436.30	461.40	-3.30	0.19
-do- Acc	499.90	528.70	-3.80	0.19
Am Sm Co Acc	128.90	136.40	-0.40	...
Australia Acc	175.70	185.80	-3.70	0.99
Capital	726.80	770.70†	-0.90	2.15
-do- Acc	814.00	860.90	-0.90	2.15
Commodity Acc	464.40	491.20	-3.60	0.80
Compnd Gth	895.00	946.40	...	2.42
Dividend	39.00	41.20	-0.10	3.86
-do- Acc	154.60	163.40	-0.10	3.86
Equity Inc	326.20	345.00†	-0.10	4.32
European Div	64.50	68.20	-0.60	3.72
-do- Acc	74.70	78.90	-0.80	3.72
European Gen	433.50	458.40	-3.40	0.83
-do- Acc	544.60	575.80	-4.40	0.83
Extra Yield	413.40	437.20	-0.20	4.01
-do- Acc	1208.6	1278.6	-0.80	4.01
Far Eastern	328.70	347.60†	-1.60	0.51
-do- Acc	433.70	458.60	-2.10	0.51
Fund of Inv	564.10	596.50	-3.10	1.02
-do- Acc	1028.9	1088.1	-9.30	1.02
General	58.30	61.70	-0.10	3.33
-do- Acc	155.90	165.00	-0.30	3.33
Gilt Fxd Int	66.40	66.48†	-0.17	7.01
do Acc	160.28	160.49	-0.41	7.01
Gold	58.80	62.20	-1.50	0.70
-do- Acc	69.30	73.10	-1.80	0.70
High Inc	27.60	29.20	...	4.04
-do- Acc	104.50	110.50	-0.20	4.04
Intl Growth	73.50	77.70†	-0.50	0.65
-do- Acc	127.30	134.60	-0.90	0.65
Intl Inc	99.80	105.50	-0.90	4.35
Japan Gen Acc	56.90	59.10	-0.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	164.70	174.10	-0.50	...
Midland	60.70	64.20	...	2.80
-do- Acc	194.30	205.50	-0.30	2.80
Recovery	39.70	42.00	...	2.95
-do- Acc	63.20	66.80	-0.10	2.95
Second Gen	67.90	71.80	...	3.15
-do- Acc	168.30	177.80	...	3.15
Smaller Cos	65.00	68.70†	+0.10	2.77
-do- Acc	124.90	131.80	...	2.77
Trustee	42.90	45.40	+0.10	3.49
Charibond 3	£118.19	...	-0.10	9.12
Charifund 3	689.00	695.90	...	4.81
Pension ex 1	910.40	933.20	+0.90	3.96
NAACIF Inc 3	349.06	...	...	7.03
-do- Acc 3	£1210.6	...	+1.80	7.03
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 420, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 688666				
Inv Port Inc	146.00	156.10	+0.13	1.88
-do- Acc	163.60	174.90	+0.13	1.88
UK Income	122.20	130.70	+0.31	2.41
-do- Acc	138.10	147.10	+0.34	2.41
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	90.57	96.87	-0.34	0.41
Far East	146.60	155.60	-3.00	0.16
Income Growth	76.95	81.69†	-0.13	3.17
European	76.05	80.73	-0.66	1.07
Nth American	59.38	63.04	-1.58	0.42
UK Growth	82.31	87.38	-0.54	1.97
Intl Growth	102.90	109.20	-0.50	0.33
Charities	116.00	123.30†	-1.30	3.87
Intl Income	71.34	75.98†	-1.30	4.94
Japan	58.85	62.47	-0.29	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	196.50	208.80	-1.30	...
-do- Acc	210.10	223.10	-1.40	...
Cash	100.60	100.60	...	5.50
-do- Acc	130.70	130.70	...	5.50
Emg Mkts Acc	97.84	105.20	-0.50	...
European Gth	212.30	225.20†	-1.70	0.71
-do- Acc	228.30	242.10†	-1.80	0.71
General	492.80	525.70	-0.70	2.30
-do- Acc	943.10	1006	-1.00	2.30
Global Dist	135.30	142.20	-1.10	5.13
-do- Acc	151.40	159.20	-1.10	5.13
Income	148.90	158.50†	-0.20	4.30
-do- Acc	221.10	235.90†	-0.20	4.30
International	418.40	445.70	-3.40	0.63
-do- Acc	556.30	592.80	-4.90	0.63
Japan Acc	206.90	219.50	-1.10	...
New Europe	154.30	164.60	-0.40	1.58
-do- Acc	156.80	167.20	-0.50	1.58
Recovery	309.80	330.50	-3.40	2.71
-do- Acc	391.40	417.50	-4.40	2.71
European Inc	78.02	82.79	-0.69	2.94
-do- Acc	101.10	107.30	-0.80	2.94
Brit Blue Chip	76.85	81.80	-0.06	3.08
-do- Acc	90.64	96.48	-0.06	3.08
Portfolio	78.86	83.86	-0.19	2.70
-do- Acc	89.66	95.35	-0.22	2.70
Gold General	136.80	147.10	-3.90	0.64
-do- Acc	139.90	150.40	-3.90	0.64
Pacific	101.40	108.20	-0.50	0.77
-do- Acc	107.80	115.00	-0.70	0.77
UK Smaller Cos	56.73	60.51†	-0.04	1.80
-do- Acc	63.75	68.00†	-0.05	1.80
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 122 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 528 280 Enquiries: 0742 529 676				
Balanced Dist	60.14	64.32	+0.05	2.54
-do- Acc	61.06	65.31	+0.05	2.54
British Dist	80.82	86.55	-0.19	2.00
-do- Acc	91.61	97.98	-0.22	2.00
European Gth	187.90	201.00	-1.20	0.02
-do- Acc	236.00	252.40	-1.50	0.02
Extra High Inc	74.03	79.18	+0.08	5.38
-do- Acc	132.40	141.60	+0.10	5.38
FT-SE 100 Index	51.26	54.82	+0.27	2.54
-do- Acc	52.02	55.64	+0.27	2.54
Gilt Fixed Int	58.35	60.75†	+0.09	6.51
-do- Acc	157.50	164.40	+0.30	6.51
High Yield	235.90	252.30	+0.30	4.36
-do- Acc	553.80	592.30	+0.60	4.36
Income	295.40	315.90†	+0.30	3.07
-do- Acc	624.40	667.80	+0.70	3.07
Japan Gth	381.00	407.50†	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	402.20	430.20	+0.30	...
Mandarin Acc	110.10	117.80	+0.30	0.76
North American	168.00	179.70	-0.60	0.52
-do- Acc	212.00	226.70	-0.80	0.52
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	282.00	300.10	-1.80	...
Deposit Inc	100.17	100.13†	+0.01	6.33
Deposit Acc	123.62	123.68†	+0.01	6.33
Euro Gth Acc	317.10	338.80	-0.60	...
Europa	138.00	148.40	...	...
Intl Gth	181.10	193.40	-0.90	...
Japan Tracker	84.04	89.04	-0.85	...
UK Equity Inc	164.50	177.00	-0.20	3.74
-do- Acc	201.70	217.10	-0.30	3.74
UK Ind Tracker	151.80	162.30†	...	2.86
US Eq Ind Trkr	196.10	208.00†	-1.70	1.41
-do- Acc	208.60	221.50†	-1.80	1.41
Asian Tracker	178.40	193.00	+0.40	0.43
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	171.80	175.80†	-1.40	1.70
European	65.99	67.28†	-0.54	1.48
Olympiad	60.24	61.91†	-0.53	0.19
Global Bond	49.05	49.58†	-0.34	6.10
Smaller Cos	71.23	74.48	-0.08	1.22
Equity Income	97.23	99.84†	-0.36	4.97
UK Growth	87.80	90.55	-0.35	1.86
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	48.56	51.79	-0.39	1.16
Australian Acc	327.40	351.20	-9.10	...
Conscience	65.13	69.50	...	1.29
-do-Acc	70.30	75.02	...	1.29
European	183.50	195.00	-0.40	1.07
-do-Acc	197.20	209.70	-0.60	1.07
Extra Income	75.71	80.79†	-0.12	5.50
-do-Acc	117.30	125.10	-0.20	5.50
Far East Gth	180.40	192.80	-0.30	0.05
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.63	63.98†	-0.04	6.19
Gold	30.88	34.30	-1.27	...
-do-Acc	34.79	38.91	-1.36	...
Income	55.50	59.20	+0.03	4.77
-do-Acc	169.50	181.20	+0.10	4.77
International	31.74	34.05	-0.03	0.65
-do-Acc	45.60	48.92	-0.05	0.65
Jap Sm Cos Acc	374.10	399.00	-0.50	...
S pore Mly Acc	223.50	239.60	+1.00	...
Smllr Cos Acc	26.60	28.06	-0.33	0.79
Special Sits	34.38	36.96	-0.15	1.65
-do-Acc	39.60	42.58	-0.16	1.65
Tokyo	92.81	98.99	-0.53	...
-do-Acc	93.74	99.98	-0.52	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	70.46	74.96†	+0.06	2.60
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	78.75	83.32†	+0.06	5.52
N&P Higher Inc	215.80	229.60	+0.10	4.47
N&P UK Income	108.80	115.80	+0.30	3.44
N&P Intl	92.16	98.05	-0.44	1.76
N&P Smaller Cos	78.61	83.63	-0.04	1.52
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR 071 487 4404				
General	177.02	188.32	-0.31	2.02
Global	214.32	228.39†	-3.13	3.06
Growth	115.77	123.16	+0.34	1.93
Income	217.20	231.16	-0.06	3.70
Intl Bond	137.38	145.87	-0.29	6.76
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626977				
Growth	146.80	154.40	+0.20	2.40
-do- Acc	260.10	273.70	+0.40	2.40
Income	235.60	250.60	-0.50	3.22
Intl Equity	238.40	253.60†	-1.40	0.69
-do- Acc	262.60	279.40	-1.60	0.69
Equity	230.30	244.90	+0.10	2.28
-do- Acc	472.10	502.20	+0.20	2.28
UK Intl 25 Acc	74.43	79.18	-0.06	1.76
UK Income	64.37	68.47	-0.07	2.79
UK Smllr Co Acc	82.22	87.47	-0.07	1.38
New Europe Acc	66.54	70.78	-0.47	0.93
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	103.48	110.65	-0.24	0.01
PEP Growth	109.67	117.30	+0.08	1.19
Intl Gth	533.04	570.10	-1.45	0.33
Income	335.01	358.30	+0.50	2.95
W'wide Recov	339.32	362.91	-0.50	0.22
American Gth	222.75	238.24	+0.78	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	204.52	218.74	-0.24	0.09
Far East Gth	243.82	260.78	-0.82	0.10
European Gth	126.71	135.52	-0.72	0.98
UK Growth	84.16	90.02	+0.21	2.56
High Income	90.87	97.19	-0.03	4.20
Japanese Gth	234.57	249.53	-0.23	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282469				
International	188.50	200.50	-0.60	0.64
High Income	116.90	124.40	-1.50	3.40
Conv Gilt	120.10	127.70	+3.40	5.53
Far East	342.50	364.40	-0.90	0.05
Global Inc Acc	33.98	36.15	+0.01	4.72
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Seasons Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	52.68	56.04	-0.22	0.20
Emerging Mkts	74.53	79.29	+2.07	0.49
General	50.51	53.73	-0.20	2.99
International	92.08	97.96	-0.10	1.23
Gilt Units	26.62	27.44†	-0.03	7.02
Global PEP	37.88	40.30	-0.30	1.90
Income Gth	69.86	74.32†	+0.10	4.41
European	47.85	50.90	-0.01	0.60
Gilt/Fixed Int	27.27	29.01†	+0.01	5.42
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst	33.64	35.97	+0.07	1.58
Pru Cpth Hvn Inc	101.07	101.56†	+0.02	4.77
-do- Acc	106.34	106.78†	+0.02	4.77
Pru Equity	702.04	750.84	-2.18	2.58
Pru Equity Inc	84.80	90.69†	+0.40	4.27
Pru European	190.30	203.52	-0.48	0.94
Pru Global Gth	84.54	90.41†	+0.19	1.20
Pru High Inc	91.79	98.17†	+0.17	4.39
Pru Intl	172.05	184.03	-0.39	1.01
Pru Intl Sm Co	74.54	79.72	-0.06	0.58
Pru Japanese	218.19	233.35	+0.10	...
Pru Nth Amer	152.31	162.89	-0.77	0.76
Pru Pacific Mkt	85.12	91.03†	+0.84	1.07
Pru Premr Inc	52.43	54.59†	-0.03	4.96
Pru Smllr Cos	87.24	93.30	+0.37	2.15
Pru Spec Sits	104.31	111.56†	+0.55	2.25
Pru UK Growth	115.69	123.73†	+0.53	2.33
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2901/4				
FA Income	166.30	177.61	+0.63	3.39
FA Japan	300.02	319.25	-1.11	...
FA Maj UK Cos	97.38	103.93	-0.18	2.41
FA America Inc	519.45	553.48†	-2.36	0.86
-do- Acc	605.32	644.97	-2.63	0.86
FA Smlr UK Cos	285.15	308.49†	+2.67	1.50
FA European	274.23	290.65	-0.88	1.20
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 829929 (PEAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	74.57	79.33	-0.72	3.57
Capital Units	153.10	162.90	-0.70	1.06
Commodity	112.50	119.70†	-1.80	1.02
European Gth	172.90	183.90	-2.20	1.06
Financial Sec	188.40	197.20	-1.70	1.29
High Return	225.40	239.80	-0.60	3.50
High Yield	221.10	235.20	+0.20	3.79
Income Units	116.60	124.00†	-0.90	4.44
Investment	193.10	205.40	-1.90	1.12
Japan Gth	168.40	179.20†	-1.00	...
Japan Smaller	195.70	208.20	+0.10	...
Masterfund	50.06	53.26	+0.31	0.85
Scotbits	269.50	287.10	-2.40	1.44
Scotshares	269.20	286.40	+1.00	2.28
Scotyields	234.80	249.80†	-0.30	3.78
Select Intl	137.60	146.40	-1.20	0.38
Smaller Cos	243.60	259.10	-0.20	3.51
Special Situation	114.70	122.00	-0.30	0.64
UK Equity	235.70	250.70†	-0.30	2.75
US Growth	143.10	152.20	-1.20	0.26
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EL. Client Enc: 0800 526 535 Broker Enc: 0800 526 540				
American	243.76	259.28	+1.90	0.68
-do- Acc	264.10	280.91	+2.05	0.63
Australian	139.14	148.41†	-0.35	0.72
-do- Acc	164.96	175.53	-0.64	0.72
UK Enterprise	233.39	249.16	+1.04	2.16
-do- Acc	272.97	291.17	+1.22	2.16
European Gth	67.03	71.27	-0.11	1.27
-do- Acc	69.62	74.05	-0.11	1.27
Euro Smllr Cos	61.48	65.45	+0.13	0.42
-do- Acc	61.90	65.90	+0.13	0.42
Far Eastern Gth	79.45	84.74†	+0.61	...
-do- Acc	80.73	86.11	+0.62	...
Fixed Interest	55.10	58.07†	-0.27	6.61
-do- Acc	69.24	72.98	-0.33	6.61
Gilt Income	107.39	113.40†	-0.46	7.36
-do- Acc	154.41	162.75†	-0.66	7.36
Income	339.20	361.92	+0.66	3.75
-do- Acc	1019.7	1087.7	+2.01	3.75
Japan Enterprise	73.31	78.19	+0.35	...
-do- Acc	73.31	78.19	+0.35	...
Japan Smllr Cos	515.10	549.53	+5.12	...
-do- Acc	516.22	550.63	+5.14	...
Pacific Gth	104.78	111.76†	+0.61	0.23
-do- Acc	107.80	115.02	+0.63	0.23
Smaller Cos	204.12	217.72	+0.54	0.82
-do- Acc	236.08	251.82	+0.65	0.82
Tokyo	119.55	127.51†	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	120.35	128.80	+0.40	...
UK Equity	226.85	241.97	+0.40	2.54
-do- Acc	425.89	454.27	+0.75	2.54
US Smllr Cos	146.51	156.27	+1.97	...
-do- Acc	146.51	156.27	+1.97	...
World Fd	75.60	80.62†	+0.04	1.35
-do- Acc	80.38	85.71	+0.04	1.35
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	49.62	52.86	-0.25	3.72
Equity Strategy	67.10	71.46	-0.75	0.74
European Opps	79.16	84.31	-0.82	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.08	100.80	-0.01	5.58
UK Smaller Cos	58.39	62.19	-0.15	2.53
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	366.20	389.40†	+1.40	2.61
American	258.70	274.80	-0.80	0.75
Pacific	307.00	382.30	-1.20	0.53
European	490.10	522.00	-0.80	1.05
Worldwide	87.09	93.14	-0.22	1.08
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	318.80	339.20	-0.60	2.48
UK Sm Cos Eqty	221.40	235.60	+0.10	1.54
European	358.70	381.70	-2.70	1.34
North American	267.70	284.80	-1.20	0.56
Income Plus Inc	70.53	75.04†	-0.40	3.74
UK Spec Sits	72.60	77.24	...	2.46
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	27.51	29.44	+0.05	2.64
Intl Growth Acc	31.65	33.88	-0.22	0.98
Market Lnks Acc	27.63	29.57	+0.10	2.40
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR. 071 626 6220				
European	$109.80	...	+0.40	...
Global Bond	$106.50	...	-0.20	7.05
Japan Samurai	$103.70	...	-0.40	...
UK Growth	$102.90	...	-0.50	3.86
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	47.42	50.39	-0.40	1.38
Equity Gth Acc	64.74	68.79	-0.30	1.06
UK Eq General	44.72	47.52	-0.30	1.96
-do- Acc	59.06	62.76	-0.30	1.96
European Acc	44.91	47.72	-0.70	0.88
Far East Acc	61.06	64.88	-0.90	0.14
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	33.45	35.38	...	5.75
N American Acc	44.27	47.04	-0.60	0.81
O/S Lgr Cos Acc	298.90	324.40	-5.20	1.33
UK Eq High Inc	38.56	40.97	-0.20	3.44
-do- Acc	45.79	48.66	-0.30	3.44
UK Lgr Cos Inc	310.40	337.30	-1.70	3.53
UK Lgr Cos Acc	404.50	438.90	-2.30	3.53
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N$253.77	N$264.01	...	1.27
US Eq	$2.214	$2.352	...	1.13
Far East Eq	Y250.7	Y266.3	...	...
Japan Eq	Y253.8	Y269.5	...	...
FT Europe	121.60	128.90	...	3.02
FT North Am	$1.766	$1.872	...	1.28
FT Japan	Y251.9	Y267.6	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$2.067	$2.195	...	1.39
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	350.70	374.20	-3.80	0.12
British	998.80	1056.8†	+1.10	3.85
European	424.10	451.70	+2.40	1.29
Japan	159.20	168.90	+0.50	...
New Pacific	326.20	347.40	-1.60	0.94
Mngd Cash	95.99	95.99	...	5.17
Majority Stg	100.18	101.18	+0.01	4.84
Inv Tst	204.70	217.00†	-0.70	1.65
Saints PPP	403.80	425.00	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	776.70	830.70	+1.90	2.71
N America Acc	123.20	131.80	-0.30	0.06
Far East Acc	135.60	145.00	-0.10	0.30
W wide Bond	63.72	67.64	-0.11	5.22
European	91.62	97.99	-0.40	0.52
Equity Income	89.90	96.15	+0.39	3.62
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.53	36.94†	-0.39	0.50
Managed Assets	126.44	135.24	-0.09	2.81
UK Income	39.46	42.21	+0.06	2.71
UK Growth	38.90	41.61	+0.09	1.99
Worldwide Gth	33.27	35.59†	-0.27	0.51
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	218.45	232.39†	-2.57	...
-do- Acc	240.59	255.95†	-2.84	...
British Gth	92.04	97.92	+0.40	1.79
-do- Acc	108.30	115.21	+0.47	1.79
European	104.17	110.82†	-0.94	0.57
-do- Acc	110.71	117.78†	-1.00	0.57
Extra Inc	199.02	211.72†	+0.68	3.84
-do- Acc	324.96	345.70†	+1.12	3.84
General Unit	278.03	295.78†	-1.63	2.33
-do- Acc	555.38	590.84†	-3.26	2.33
Income	345.96	368.04	+0.47	3.49
-do- Acc	718.69	764.82	+0.98	3.49
International	516.70	549.68	-4.76	0.24
-do- Acc	676.41	719.58	-6.23	0.24
Pacific	372.16	395.91	+0.06	...
-do- Acc	390.94	415.89	-0.07	...
Premier Income	54.42	56.69†	-0.04	6.59
-do- Acc	115.08	119.87†	-0.09	6.59
Nat Resources	144.28	153.49	-3.04	...
-do- Acc	158.34	168.45	-3.34	...
Selected Opps	104.67	111.35	+0.17	1.12
-do- Acc	131.05	139.41	+0.22	1.12
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing 071 246 3001				
Amer Sml Cos	72.52	77.35	-0.16	...
-do- Acc	74.80	79.78	-0.16	...
European Opps	65.79	70.20	-0.46	0.42
-do- Acc	66.88	70.92	-0.48	0.42
Japan	97.02	103.48	+0.22	...
-do- Acc	97.02	103.48	+0.22	...
Little Dragons	84.00	89.59	+0.16	0.56
-do- Acc	86.47	92.23	+0.17	0.56
Oriental Income	47.43	50.59	+0.02	3.14
-do- Acc	60.46	64.49	+0.04	3.14
Tiger	232.25	247.73	+1.21	1.06
-do- Acc	243.09	280.25	+1.26	1.06
UK Small Cos	88.11	94.23	+0.06	1.69
-do- Acc	102.81	109.95	+0.07	1.69
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	19.84	21.11	-0.66	0.50
Pacific Basin	35.55	37.81	-0.36	0.60
Canadian Gth	36.10	38.40	-0.33	...
Global Bond	$0.972	$1.013	+0.000	6.94
Penny Share	28.44	30.25	-0.25	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 5652				
City Reserve	53.24	53.25	+0.01	4.88
Gilt Growth	73.24	76.22	-0.23	...
Gilt Income	54.98	57.21	-0.07	7.25
Short Dtd Gilt	111.50	113.00	+0.10	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.719	$0.728	...	...
Challenger	100.30	102.40	-1.10	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 5000				
Stockmarket Fd	72.50	77.22	-0.52	1.74

Source: Finstat

Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

End of an era as Cyril Stein steps down

Rise in interest charges hits Ladbroke profit

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

LADBROKE, the betting to hotels group, surprised the City yesterday by announcing the retirement of Cyril Stein, its chairman and joint managing director, one of Britain's longest-serving executives.

Mr Stein, 65, has been with Ladbroke since 1956 and chairman since 1966. He will step down at the end of the year, remaining a non-executive director for three years to complete 40 years with the group. His departure, rumoured for some time, was vehemently denied by sources close to the company as recently as last month.

Mr Stein's retirement was announced as the group unveiled a 26 per cent fall in pre-tax profit, from £84.4 million to £62.5 million, for the half year to June 30. The interim dividend is held at 4.92p in spite of the slide in profit and speculation that Mr Stein would have to break his 27-year record of never cutting a dividend payment.

The bottom line was hit by a sharp rise in interest charges, up from £44.6 million to £61.9 million, and lower operating profit from principal activities. Although the betting division performed well and property returned to the black, profits were held back by a reduced contribution from hotel and retail operations.

Operating profit from betting rose by 12 per cent, to £40.5 million, helped by an easing of regulations to allow evening opening of betting shops. Vernons Pools benefited from changes in legislation ahead of the launch of the national lottery.

Hilton hotels suffered from depressed economic conditions in its major markets, particularly Japan, reducing operating profit in the hotel division from £49.3 million to £44.4 million.

Texas Homecare, the group's retail chain, saw profit slump from £26.8 million to £15.7 million as intense competition in the DIY market continued to squeeze margins.

The property division turned losses of £14.8 million last time into profit of £0.8 million as vacant space was taken up and rent-free periods expired. Ladbroke is seeking to reduce its property portfolio, valued at £866 million, as the market picks up and prices rise.

Net borrowings remain at £1.3 billion, putting gearing at 52 per cent. Although there was a cash outflow of £12.4 million at the interim stage, Ladbroke expects a positive cash flow in the second half.

The group is to split the roles of chairman and chief executive, a move widely welcomed in the City yesterday. Ladbroke shares rose 8p, to 210p, after the announcement. One analyst said: "I hope this opens up a new era of greater openness and less intransigence for Ladbroke."

A spokesman for the group said that Mr Stein's retirement heralded a change in style rather than substance. "We are talking about a period of evolution, rather than revolution," he said.

John Jackson, 64, the vice-chairman, is to be chairman; his other chairmanships include Celltech and Graseby. Peter George, 49, will move up from joint managing director to group chief executive.

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Cyril Stein, host of the Ladbroke's Langham Hilton...



...directing Ladbroke's 1960s gallop to take betting shops to every high street

Quiet man turned genteel bookie into £2bn empire

WHEN Cyril Stein started at Ladbroke, in 1956, the company was renowned as bookmaker to the gentry, numbering several members of the royal family among its aristocratic clients. The offices were a scene from a past century as clerks on tall stools scribbled with quill pens at sloping desks (Susan Gilchrist writes).

Today, the Ladbroke empire spans more than 48 countries and has a market capitalisation of more than £2 billion. Its inexorable rise is largely down to Mr Stein, who has transformed the genteel bookmaker into a multinational hotels, betting, property and retail group.

Cyril Stein was born in London in 1928, the cockney grandson of Russian immigrants. His father was in the racing business, and he was immersed in the betting world from an early age. However, it was not until his uncle, Max Parker, bought a small credit bookmaker called Ladbroke, that he became truly involved.

Mr Stein pushed for Ladbroke to attract the man in the street. Once betting shops were legalised in 1963, Ladbroke went from strength to strength, being floated four years on, valued at £2 million.

In the 1970s, Mr Stein took Ladbroke into such leisure businesses as hotels, bingo and retailing. However, the group's future looked precarious when, in 1980, it lost its licence to run casinos, which accounted for nearly half of profits. It is a period that has had a profound effect on the group's image in the City.

Departure from casinos has, however, shaped what the group is today. Mr Stein concentrated it on businesses with international potential, such as hotels and property. His biggest coup was acquiring the under-performing Hilton hotels outside the US, for £645 million in 1987.

Mr Stein, a devout Jew and a quiet, private man, may be reluctant to leave Ladbroke's chair after all these years, but will be relieved to withdraw from the public gaze to enjoy retirement with his wife, Betty, three children and a growing brood of grandchildren.



...visiting the races in 1979



...touring Texas Homecare

Cookson cuts back on debt

BY OUR CITY STAFF

COOKSON Group, helped by a March rights issue that raised £186 million and by asset disposals, sharply reduced debt in the six months to June 30, clipping gearing from an end December 74 per cent to 21 per cent.

The industrial materials group of which Richard Osteris chief executive yesterday reported pre-tax profits of £47.2 million for the half year to June 30 compared with £33.8 million previously, on a turnover that was 16.5 per cent higher at £710.1 million.

Exchange rates benefited pre-tax profits by £5 million and sales by £74 million compared with the first half of 1992. At constant rates, and excluding a £5 million gain from disposals, sales rose by 4 per cent and profits by 22 per cent. The interim dividend, payable on the increased capital, is maintained at 3p. The shares eased 12p to 219p.

Cookson has been slimmed down and made more efficient since new management moved in two years ago. Mr Oster says trading conditions in Britain were flat, and conditions in continential Europe weaker. They remain difficult and show little sign of improvement. However, Cookson's Far East and American markets showed a recovery.

The group made a £2.5 million charge against interim profits for rationalisation costs, and expects to make a charge of between £3 million and £3.5 million in the second half.

Burmah interim offers choice of shares or cash

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

BURMAH Castrol, which manufactures and markets specialised oil and chemical products, is the latest group to offer its shareholders an enhanced share alternative whereby they can choose to receive new shares with a value 50 per cent higher than the cash interim dividend.

The group yesterday declared a 1993 interim cash dividend of 16.5p a share, which is equivalent to the 1992 final payment and compares with the 8.75p declared as the 1992 interim.

However, the equivalent value of the 1993 interim dividend as a share alternative is 24.75p, for which Barclays de Zoete Wedd Securities will offer 24.255p. If shareholders choose the enhanced share alternative, net earnings this year will benefit by 4p a share and in 1994 net gearing will improve by ten percentage points, the group said.

Lawrence Urquhart, Burmah Castol's chairman, in presenting 1993 interim results that showed a pre-tax profit of £90.5 million (£80.6 million) and a net profit (under new accounting standards) of £44.8 million (£37.2 million), said he expected similar trading conditions in the second half but that 1994 offered promise.

Volumes and gross margins within the lubricants division increased in the six months to June 30. Chemicals registered a 5 per cent profits increase.

Profits from fuels were 14 per cent ahead.

Interest cover improved from 5.2 times at end-December to 5.7 times, and the tax charge eased over the same period from 47 per cent to 42 per cent.

Jonathan Fry, chief executive, said Burmah Castrol would be looking for add-on acquisitions. There are no plans to increase the number of petrol stations in Britain from 1,300, he said.

The 1994 year holds out promise because of the expected profit contribution from recently launched products and the increasing benefits that will flow from rationalisation. The shares rose 17p to 815p.

Vote key to Greycoat rescue

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

GREYCOAT, the troubled property company, has given a warning that its rescuer, Postel, the Post Office and BT pension fund, will withdraw if a reconstruction package is not agreed by shareholders and bondholders.

It warned shareholders that without the reconstruction, the company might have to cease trading. The capital restructuring involves two rights issues, a placing, warrants, and restructuring of bonds. Bankers have temporarily waived broken loan covenants. If it is approved by 75 per cent of shareholders at a series of meetings on October 8, it could leave Postel, Britain's biggest pension fund, with up to 87 per cent of Greycoat.

The thrust of the restructuring is the subscription by Postel of 30 million new ordinary shares to raise £4.5 million. Existing ordinary shareholders are entitled to apply for £58.9 million of new ordinary shares through an underwritten 4-for-1 rights issue at 12.5p. This compares with a market price of 25.75p.

Existing preference shareholders, many of whom say the terms of the reconstruction are weighted against them, have the right to apply for £6.25 million of new ordinary shares through an underwritten one new ordinary share for one preference share rights issue at 12.5p.

Preference shareholders are also being asked to waive their dividend arrears, although Greycoat said that it intended to pay the half-yearly dividend on all new preference shares on 6 April, 1994. The group also said that losses during the year soared from £7.6 million to £164.4 million.

Fire and theft claims top £500m

BY SARA MCCONNELL
PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

CLAIMS for thefts and fires in homes cost insurers £503 million in the first half of this year, 9.6 per cent higher than the second half of last year. It is the second time the cost of claims in a half year has risen above £500 million. In the first half of 1992, theft and fire claims totalled £529 million, 4.9 per cent higher than the first six months of this year.

Theft claims pushed costs up most sharply. These amounted to £389 million in the six months to June 1993, up 10.2 per cent on the second half of 1992 but down 1.9 per cent on the first half of 1992. The average home burglary claim was £900, a rise of 1.5 per cent, compared with the first half of 1992. Fire claims in homes totalled £114 million, 7.5 per cent up on the second half of 1992, but 12.5 per cent down on the first half of 1992, when claims totalled £133 million. Mark Boléat, the Association of British Insurers director general said: "At £503 million, the cost of insurance claims for thefts and fires in homes is far too high. It is, however, encouraging that the total is lower than in the same period last year and seasonal variations may help to explain the increase over the second half of 1992." He gave a warning that policyholders could face further rises in premiums if "business is not satisfactory".

By contrast, the cost of claims from businesses for fire and burglaries fell in the first six months. At £335 million, the cost was 8.5 per cent lower than the second half of 1992, and 36 per cent down on the first half of last year. Mr Boléat said this was partly due to lower business activity and businesses closing in the recession. Some insurers have also introduced large excesses and there has been a series of loss prevention initiatives from the industry.



The ABI feels claims for fires are far too high

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SUN ALLIANCE

INTERIM STATEMENT

The unaudited results for the six months ended 30th June, 1993 are set out below with the comparative figures for 1992.

	6 months to 30th June, 1993 £m	6 months to 30th June, 1992 £m	Year 1992* £m
Premium income –			
General insurance	1,730.5	1,462.5	3,128.0
Long-term insurance	509.0	627.9	1,302.4
	2,239.5	2,090.4	4,430.4
General insurance underwriting result	(153.1)	(280.8)	(547.6)
Long-term insurance profits	38.3	27.3	62.0
Investment and other income	176.5	155.6	356.0
Profit (loss) before taxation	61.7	(97.9)	(129.6)
Taxation	(14.2)	(8.0)	12.1
Profit (loss) after taxation	47.5	(105.9)	(117.5)
Minority interests	(5.8)	(6.7)	(11.2)
Profit (loss) attributable to shareholders	41.7	(112.6)	(128.7)
Earnings (loss) per share	5.2p	(14.1p)	(16.1p)

*Extracted from the statutory accounts for 1992 filed with the Registrar of Companies, which received an unqualified audit report.

TERRITORIAL ANALYSIS OF GENERAL INSURANCE RESULTS

	6 months to 30th June, 1993 Premium income £m	6 months to 30th June, 1993 Underwriting result £m	6 months to 30th June, 1992 Premium income £m	6 months to 30th June, 1992 Underwriting result £m	Year 1992 Premium income £m	Year 1992 Underwriting result £m
United Kingdom	953.7	(100.6)	944.4	(244.7)	1,833.4	(438.4)
Europe	358.0	(49.9)	259.4	(20.7)	534.4	(61.0)
USA	178.3	0.6	106.9	3.3	334.3	(10.4)
Canada	34.7	0.8	28.9	(6.3)	70.5	(14.1)
Australia	114.4	(3.8)	48.1	(7.1)	166.8	(8.1)
Other overseas	91.4	(0.2)	74.8	(5.3)	188.6	(15.6)
	1,730.5	(153.1)	1,462.5	(280.8)	3,128.0	(547.6)

DIVIDEND
The Directors have declared an interim dividend for 1993 of 5.25p per share (1992: 5.25p).
The dividend, costing £42.3m (1992: £42.1m), will be paid on 1st December, 1993 to shareholders on the register at close of business on 14th October, 1993. The scrip dividend alternative will again be offered.

SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS
The Group's net assets at 30th June, 1993, excluding the value of long-term business, were estimated at £1,561m (31st December, 1992: £1,548m). The solvency margin including minority interests was 50% (31st December, 1992: 54%).

2nd September, 1993

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Clinton healthcare leak is good medicine for drug shares

DRUG shares were again being chased sharply higher on claims that President Clinton is watering down some of the proposals in his US healthcare programme. A leaked report in one authorative American newspaper says that the Clinton adminstration has dropped the idea of mandatory short-term price controls on the drug companies. Instead it is likely Washington will get its revenue for healthcare by raising taxes on alcholol and tobacco.

The report was greeted with enthusiasm in the City, where prices of the leading drug shares enjoyed solid gains. **Glaxo** led the way with a rise of 22p to 636p, helped by persistent American buying.

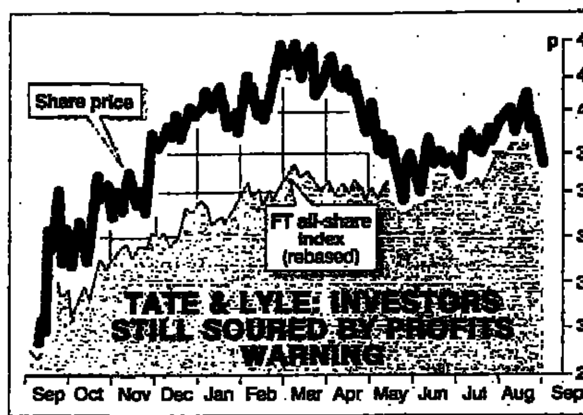
STOCK MARKET

On Wednesday, there had been talk that Glaxo was considering a buy-back programme for its own shares. There were also gains for **Medeva**, 3p to 116p, **SmithKline Beecham A**, 20p to 457p, **Wellcome**, 25p to 755p, and **Zeneca**, 33p to 760p. Only **Fisons** failed to make headway, finishing unchanged at 179p.

Attempts at an early rally by the rest of the equity market quickly evaporated, with dealers forced to contend with cautious trading statements and fund-raising exercises. The FT-SE 100 index, up almost nine points first thing, eventually closed 12.5 down at 3,072.6 on the back of an opening fall on Wall Street. A total of 674 million shares were traded.

The Telegraph, publisher of *The Daily Telegraph* and *Sunday Telegraph*, fell 14p to 409p on the decision to cut the price of *The Times* from 45p to 30p. Dealers are worried about the impact on profits caused by a circulation war among the broadsheet papers. **United Newspapers**, whose publications include the *Daily Express* and *Sunday Express*, fell 4p to 580p.

Ladbroke rose 8p to 210p on learning of chairman Cyril Stein's decision to retire. The news coincided with half year figures showing pre-tax profits down from £84.4 million to £62.5 million.



Tottenham Hotspur rose 9p to 104p as Terry Venables finally severed his links by disposing of his entire stake of 3.29 million shares, or 20.56 per cent of the issued share capital. Mr Venables says he raised more than £3 million from the sale. Sources within Spurs say he was offered around £4 million for his stake at one time by chairman Alan Sugar. Premier League rival **Manchester United** jumped 20p to 520p after beating West Ham on Wednesday.

Rolls-Royce fell 4½p to 159p after confirming yesterday's report in this column that it was planning a rights issue to accompany the figures. The group is raising £307 million via a one-for-four at 130p.

Reckitt & Colman jumped 18p to 640p after better than expected half year figures showing pre-tax profits up from £125.1 million to £153.2 million and an 8.4 per cent rise in dividend. The group warned that trading conditions remain tough, especially in Europe. But it expects further growth from its strong brand names and increased efficiency.

Profit-taking left **Sun Alliance** 14p lower at 373p after returning to the black with a pre-tax profit of £61.7 million compared with a loss of £97.9 million. The Bishopsgate bombing cost the group £25 million, but underwriting losses overall were lower.

Shares of **Burmah Castrol** continued to make headway, climbing 22p to 820p after recording an 8 per cent rise in first half profits at £44.8 million. The company is offering an enhanced cash alternative of 24.75p to the interim dividend, a 50 per cent improvement.

Tate & Lyle continued to lose ground in the wake of this week's profits warning, ending the day 7p cheaper at 368p. Some brokers insist that the shares are a good long-term buy, but institutions seem unimpressed.

☐ **Gilt-Edged:** prices edged lower as investors continued switching out of longs and into mediums in thin trading, although prices managed to close above their worst. **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** fell £$^{11}/_{16}$ to £117$^{7}/_{32}$, while in shorts **Treasury 9½ per cent 1999** was only seven ticks easier at £113⅛. The December series of the long gilt finished more than £½ lower at £113½ as 46,000 contracts were completed.

MICHAEL CLARK

Bowater tempered by caution

By Rodney Hobson

TEN words among impressive results from Bowater sent the packaging group's shares 21p lower to 494p. Referring to trading conditions in Europe and North America, Michael Woodhouse, chairman, said: "We see few reasons for optimism in the short term."

In Britain, Bowater has seen its order book decline during July and August from five weeks to two. Michael Hartnall, finance director, said: "Demand in the UK has not been soggy. We have seen some volume growth, but prices and margins have been under pressure." The rest of Europe is bumping along the bottom. Of the US, he said: "The Clinton factor gives people less confidence because they think money will be taken out of their pockets."

Bowater reported interim pre-tax profits to June up 52 per cent to £94.7 million. The payout is up from 4.7p to 5.3p.

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MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
L Joseph	410p (+22p)
Zeneca	760p (+33p)
Wellcome	755p (+26p)
Utd Friendly	688p (+30p)
BAA	838p (+11p)
Chrysalis	116p (+37p)
BOC	679p (+11p)
Glaxo	636p (+22p)
Burmah Castrol	813p (+15p)
FALLS:	
Hambros	353p (-15p)
Bowater	494p (-21p)
Rank Org	763p (-22p)
Telegraph	409p (-14p)
Sun Alliance	367p (-20p)
General Accident	657p (-16p)
Allied-Lyons	610p (-16p)
Bass	483p (-15p)
Guinness	493p (-16p)
Cookson	220p (-11p)

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Share issue proposed as Sun Alliance turns round

By Sarah Bagnall
Insurance Correspondent

SUN Alliance rounded off the composite insurers' interim reporting season with a sharp turnround to profitability and a proposal to issue £300 million of preference shares.

The City was disappointed that the improvement was below expectations and the shares fell 18p to 368p. In the first six months of 1993, the insurer made a pre-tax profit of £61.7 million, compared with a loss of £97.9 million last time. The dividend was held at 5.25p.

Roger Neville, chief executive, said: "We have had three extremely difficult years which we are now emerging from. While we have some way to go to reach profit levels appropriate to our business, we are now beginning to see the effect of resolute management action."

The benefits of large rate increases in the past two years, a more selective approach to underwriting, the withdrawal from loss-making lines and a tight control on expenses are beginning to show in the insurer's results.

The general insurance underwriting loss fell from £280.8 million to £153.1 million and life insurance profits rose from £27 million to £38 million. In the UK, the general insurance underwriting loss was reduced from £244.7 million to £100.6 million.



Reinsurance limited Sun Alliance's Bishopsgate bomb liabilities to £25 million

April's bomb in Bishopsgate, in the City, cost the insurer £25 million. It provided part of the cover for the National Westminster Tower and the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, which were severely damaged by the blast.

If the group had not bought reinsurance cover the loss would have been "several hundred million pounds", Mr Neville said.

Domestic mortgage indemnity losses fell from £108 million to £60 million.

Sun Alliance is seeking shareholder approval to issue £300 million of preference shares, which will add eight percentage points to its end-June solvency margin of 50 per cent.

The insurer's overseas results include, for the first time, the figures of Hafnia's general insurance and life business, which was acquired through its Danish subsidiary Codan in April. Hafnia made an underwriting loss of £11 million.

The group's net assets, excluding the value of the life business, advanced to £1.56 billion from an end-December level of £1.548 billion. The increase was held back by £86 million of goodwill write-offs.

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Dow slips despite drug boost

New York — A strong performance by the drug sector failed to keep shares in positive territory in late morning trading. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 2.23 at 3,642.87, with advancing issues and declining shares almost even.

☐ **Tokyo** — The Nikkei average failed after several attempts to go through 21,000, and closed 29.90 points better at 20,983.20, with about 350 million shares traded.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Profit-taking sent shares lower again. The Hang Seng index ended down 48.74 points at 7,493.45.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax index ended 7.04 points higher at 1,925.62.

☐ **Singapore** — The Straits Times industrial index closed at a new high of 2,021.87, up 9.09 points.

☐ **Sydney** — Shares slid off their early highs, ending 8.7 points lower at 1968.4. *(Reuter)*

NEW ISSUES

Anglian Water Wrts	100	+1
Bakyrchik (120)	134	+1
BT (Partly/Paid) (150)	186	+1
Crockfords (90)	95	...
EFM Small Comp Tst (100)	99½	...
EFM Small Comp Wts	54	...
Explaura A	4½	...
Finsbury Smaller Co's C	156	...
Flying Flowers (65)	82	...
For & Col Special Inc	67½	-1
For & Col Spl Capital	44	-½
For & Col Spl Units	111½	-½
Lazard High Inc Tst (100)	107	-2
Martin Currie Pac Wts	62	-1
Raglan Warrants	31	+1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Arlen n/p (21)	14	...
Crockfords n/p (90)	7	...
Cussins Property n/p (75)	21	...
Lilleshall n/p (125)	26	-4
Sedgwick n/p (165)	18	-1

	Sep 2 midday	Sep 1 close
AMP Inc	65¾	65¾
AMR Corp	66½	66¾
Abbott Labs	26¼	26
Aetna Life	59¾	59¾
Ahmanson (HF)	19¾	20
Air Prod & Chem	42¾	42¾
Albertson's	55¾	55¾
Alcan Aluminum	20¾	20¾
Alco Standard	46¾	46¾
Allied Signal	74¾	74¾
Alum Co of Am	74½	75¾
Amax	24¾	24¾
Amerada Hess	52¾	52¾
Amer Brands	33	32¾
Amer Cyanamid	54¾	54
Amer El Power	38¾	38¾
Amer Express	32¾	32¾
Amer Genl Corp	35¾	36¾
Amer Home Pr	65¾	64¾
Amer Intl	98¾	97¾
Amer Stores	45¾	46¾
Amer T & T	65	65¾
Ameritech	86¾	87¾
Amoco	55¾	56¾
Anheuser-Busch	48¾	47¾
Apple Computer	26	26¾
Archer Daniels	23¾	22¾
Arkla	8¾	8¾
Armco	7	6¾
Armstrng Wrld	38¾	38¾
Asarco	19¾	19¾
Ashland Oil	34¾	34¾
Atl Richfield	115¾	115¾
Auto Data Pro	47¾	48¾
Avery Dennison	26	25¾
Avon Products	54¾	55¾
Baker Hughes	26¾	27¾
Baltim Gas & El	27¾	27¾
Banc One	41	41¾
BankAmerica	46¾	46¾
Bank of NY	53¾	53¾
Bankers Tr NY	80¾	80
Barnett Banks	44¾	44¾
Bausch & Lomb	48	47¾
Baxter Intl	27¾	27
Becton Dickinson	37	36¾
Bell Atlantic	63¾	63¾
BellSouth	59¾	59¾
Black & Decker	20¾	21
Block (H&R)	40	40¾
Boeing	39¾	39¾
Boise Cascade	21¾	21¾
Borden Inc	18¾	18
Bristol Myrs Sq	57¾	56¾
Browning Ferris	24¾	24¾
Burlington Nthn	53¾	53¾
CBS	256	266
CNA Financial	87¾	87¾
CPC Intl	44¾	45¾
CSX	77¾	78¾
Campbell Soup	38¾	39¾
Can Pacific	15¾	15¾
Cpd Cities ABC	515	513¾
Cpd Holdings	43	43
Carolina Pwr	33¾	34
Caterpillar	81¾	82
Central & SW	33¾	33¾
Champion Intl	32¾	32¾
Chase Manhat	34¾	34¾
Chemical Bk	40¾	40¾
Chevron Corp	93¾	93¾
Chrysler	42¾	43
Chubb Corp	88¾	88
Cigna Corp	63¾	63¾
Citicorp	33	32¾
Clorox	53¾	53¾
Coastal Corp	28¾	28¾
Coca Cola	42¾	42¾
Colgate-Palmolive	51¾	52¾
Columbia Gas	25¾	25
Commonw Ed	30¾	30¾
Compaq Comp	55¾	53¾
Comp Ass Int	30¾	30¾
Conagra	25¾	25
Cons Edison	36¾	36¾
Cons Nat Gas	54¾	54¾
Cons Rail	53¾	53¾
Cooper Inds	51	51¾
Corning Inc	31¾	31
Crown Cork	34	34¾
Dana Corp	54¾	54¾
Dayton Hudson	66¾	66¾
Deere	69¾	70¾
Delta Air Lines	53	52¾
Deluxe Corp	36¾	37
Detroit Edison	35¾	35¾
Digital Equip	41¾	41¾
Dillard Dept St	35¾	36
Disney (Walt)	38¾	39
Dominion Res	47¾	47¾
Donnelley (RR)	30¾	31
Dover Corp	53	53
Dow Chemicals	58¾	59
Dow Jones	31¾	31¾
Dresser	22¾	22¾
Duke Power	42¾	42¾
Dun & Bradstreet	62¾	62¾
Du Pont	48¾	48
Eastman Kodak	59¾	59¾
Eaton Corp	48¾	49¾

	Sep 2 midday	Sep 1 close
Emerson Elec	60¾	60¾
Engelhard Corp	40¾	40¾
Enron Corp	35	35¾
Entergy Corp	39¾	39¾
Ethyl Corp	18¾	18¾
Exxon	65¾	65¾
FMC Corp	49¾	49¾
FPL Group	39¾	39¾
Federal Express	57¾	59¾
Fed Nat Mtge	79¾	79
First Chicago	44¾	45
First Interstate	62¾	61¾
First Union Rly	10¾	10¾
Fleet Finl Grp	30¾	30¾
Fluor Corp	43¾	44¾
Ford Motor	51¾	52¾
GTE Corp	36¾	36¾
Gannett	51	51
Gap Inc Del	27¾	29¾
Gen Dynamics	97	96¾
Gen Electric	97¾	98¾
Gen Mills	62¾	62¾
Gen Motors	46¾	46¾
Gen Reinsurance	130¾	130¾
Gen Signal	31¾	32¾
Genuine Parts	37¾	37¾
Georgia Pac	63¾	63¾
Gillette	53¾	53¾
Glaxo ADR	19	18¾
Goodrich (BF)	46¾	46¾
Goodyear Tire	42¾	42¾
Grace (W&R)	39	38¾
Grt Atl Pac Tea	28¾	28¾
Great Wstn Fin	18¾	18¾
Halliburton	40¾	40¾
Harcourt General	41¾	41¾
Heinz (HJ)	37¾	37¾
Hercules	87¾	87¾
Hershey Foods	49	48¾
Hewlett Packard	73	73
Hilton Hotels	45¾	44¾
Home Depot	41¾	42¾
Homestake Mng	18¾	19¾
Honeywell	35	35¾
Household Intl	76¾	76¾
Houston Inds	46¾	46¾
Humana	13¾	13
ITT Corp	92¾	93¾
Illinois Tool	39¾	40
INCO	21¾	21¾
Ingersoll Rand	38¾	37¾
Inland Steel	27¾	27¾
Intel Corp	63	63¾
IBM	46¾	45¾
Intl Flav & Fr	114	114¾
Intl Paper	63¾	64¾
James River Va	21¾	21¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	41¾	40¾
K Mart	22¾	22¾
Kellogg	53	52¾
Kerr-McGee	55¾	55¾
Kimberly-Clark	49¾	49¾
Knight-Ridder	55	55¾
Lilly (Eli)	49¾	47¾
Limited Inc	22¾	23¾
LIN Brdcstng	119¾	118¾
Lincoln Nat	46¾	46¾
Litton	65¾	67
Liz Claiborne	23¾	23¾
Lockheed Corp	63¾	63¾
Louisiana Pac	35¾	35¾
MCI Commun	28¾	28¾
Marriott	28¾	28¾
Marsh & McLnn	90¾	90¾
Masco Corp	31¾	31¾
May Dept St	41	42
Maytag Corp	16¾	16¾
McCaw Cellular	57¾	57¾
McDonalds	54¾	54¾
McDonnell D	82¾	84¾
McGraw Hill	69	69¾
Mead Corp	48	48¾
Medtronic	66	63¾
Mellon Bk	58¾	57¾
Melville Corp	46¾	46¾
Merck Inc	33	31¾
Merrill Lynch	95¾	95¾
Minnesota Mine	108¾	108¾
Mobil Corp	78¾	78¾
Monsanto	65¾	66¾
Morgan (JP)	76	75¾
Motorola Inc	95¾	95
Natl Medical	8	7¾
Natl Semi	18¾	18¾
Natl Service Ind	25¾	25¾
Navistar Int	22¾	23
NBD Bancorp	32¾	33¾
NY Times A	23¾	24¾
Newmont Mng	48	49¾
Niag Mohawk	24¾	25
Nike B	53¾	54¾
NL Industries	5¾	5¾
Nordstrom	30¾	31¾
Norfolk Sthrn	68¾	69
Nthn State Pwr	46¾	46¾
Norwest Corp	26	26¾
Nynex Corp	92¾	92¾
Occidental Pet	21	21
Ohio Edison	25¾	25¾
Oracle Systems	54¾	53¾

	Sep 2 midday	Sep 1 close
Oryx Energy Co	24¾	24¾
Owens Corning	42¾	42¾
PNC Financial	29¾	29¾
PPG Industries	68¾	67¾
Paccar Inc	63¾	63¾
Pacificorp	20¾	20¾
Pac Enterprises	27¾	28¾
Pac Gas & Elect	36¾	36¾
Pac Telesis	55	55¾
Pall Corp	18¾	18¾
Panhandle East	26¾	26¾
Paramnt Comm	57¾	59¾
Parker Hannifin	34	34
Penney (JC)	41¾	41¾
Pennzoil	69¾	69¾
Pepsico	39¾	39¾
Pfizer	64¾	62¾
Phelps Dodge	46	46¾
Philadel Elec	32¾	32¾
Philip Morris	48¾	48¾
Phillips Pet	33¾	33¾
Pitney Bowes	40¾	40¾
Polaroid	36¾	37¾
Price Co	37¾	38
Primerica	44¾	44¾
Procter & Gmbl	49	49
Pub Serv E & G	34¾	35
Quaker Oats	68¾	67¾
Ralston Purina	37¾	37¾
Raychem Corp	40¾	40¾
Raytheon	64¾	64¾
Reebok Intl	28	29¾
Reynolds Metals	49¾	49¾
Roadway Srvcs	58¾	60
Rockwell Intl	36	36¾
Rohm & Haas	54¾	54¾
Royal Dutch	100¾	100¾
Rubbermaid	32¾	32¾
Safeco Corp	65	64¾
St Paul's Cos	92¾	93¾
Salomon Inc	51¾	51¾
Santa Fe Pac	18¾	18¾
Sara Lee Corp	26¾	26¾
Scecorp	25¾	25¾
Schering Plough	63¾	60¾
Schlumberger	66¾	66¾
Scott Paper	33	33¾
Seagram	26¾	27¾
Sears Roebuck	54¾	54¾
Shell Trans	60¾	60¾
Sherwin Wllms	34¾	34
Skyline Corp	17	16¾
Snap-On-Tools	42¾	42¾
Southern Co	44¾	44¾
Sthwestern Bell	45¾	45¾
Sprint Corp	37¾	37¾
Stanley Works	42¾	42¾
Sun Company	28¾	28¾
Suntrust	42¾	42¾
Supervalu	39¾	39¾
Syntex Corp	18¾	18¾
Sysco Corp	29	29¾
TRW Inc	65	65¾
Tandem Comp	9¾	9¾
Tandy Corp	32¾	31¾
Telecom Corp	3¾	3¾
Teledyne	24¾	24¾
Temple Inland	44¾	44¾
Tenneco	52	52¾
Texaco	65¾	65¾
Texas Inst	79¾	80
Texas Utilities	47¾	47¾
Textron	57¾	58
Time Warner	41¾	41
Times-Mirror	31¾	31¾
Timken	32¾	32¾
Torchmark	58¾	58¾
Toys R Us	36	36¾
Transamerica	59¾	59¾
Travelers Corp	34¾	34¾
Tribune	51¾	51
Tyco Labs	46¾	46¾
UAL Corp	149¾	146¾
UST Inc	26¾	27¾
USX Marathon	20¾	20¾
Unilever NV	108¾	108¾
Union Camp	44¾	45
Union Carbide	18¾	18¾
Union Pacific	64¾	65
Unisys Corp	11	11
USAir Group	15¾	15¾
USF&G Corp	18¾	18¾
US Life	42¾	42¾
US West	46¾	46¾
United Tech	57¾	57¾
Unocal Corp	28¾	28¾
Upjohn	28¾	27¾
VF Corp	42¾	42¾
WMX Tech	32¾	32¾
Wal-Mart Stores	24¾	25¾
Warner-Lambert	70¾	69¾
Wells Fargo	117	116¾
Westinghouse El	15¾	15¾
Weyerhaeuser	39¾	40¾
Whirlpool	65¾	65¾
Whitman	15¾	15¾
Winn Dixie	61	61¾
Woolworth	26	26¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	42¾	42
Xerox	72¾	73¾

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

ARAN ENERGY (Int)
Pre-tax: IR£3.29m
EPS: 0.97p (0.05p loss)
Div: Nil (nil)
First half profit was IR£38,000 last time. First oil production from Gryphon and Alba oil fields in North Sea now imminent

BRITISH-BORNEO (Int)
Pre-tax: £3.37m (£2.26m)
EPS: 6.52p (4.6p)
Div: 2.667p (2.667p)
Strong cash flow enabled programme of investment in oil and gas activities to continue while debt was cut to £31.3m from £33.9m

BURFORD HLDGS (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.93m (£1.38m)
EPS: 1.27p (0.68p)
Div: 0.65p (0.5p)
Figures do not include benefit of recent rights issue or £68m property portfolio acquired from Provident Mutual

MICROVITEC (Int)
Pre-tax: £570,000
EPS: 0.8p (0.1p)
Div: Nil (nil)
Profit last time was £62,000. Sale of loss-making Logitek distribution business reduced gearing to 47% from 82%

PCT GROUP (Int)
Pre-tax: £751,195
EPS: 6.08p (7p)
Div: 2.5p (2.5p)
Profit last time was £925,023. Company said first half saw no sign of recovery and margins remain under pressure

PSION (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.07m (£1.05m)
EPS: 3.41p (3.16p)
Div: 1p (1p)
Turnover rose to £18.06m from £16.5m. Second half started well and company expects to meet own targets

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	5,700	Cadbury	732	MB Cardn	303	Scot Power	1,800
Abbey Natl	3,400	Carlton Cm	2,700	Marks Spr	9,600	Sears	14,000
Alld-Lyons	2,100	Coats Vyla	2,200	NFC	139	Svrn Trent	527
Anglian W	484	Cm Union	1,700	NatWst Bk	1,100	Shell Trans	3,100
Argyll Gp	3,900	Courtaulds	1,000	Nat Power	1,800	Siebe	663
Arjo Wiggn	938	De La Rue	368	Nth Wst W	739	SmKl Bch	11,000
AB Foods	303	Enterpr Oil	1,600	Nthrn Fds	3,900	Smith Nph	5,100
BAA	1,600	Forte	5,100	P & O	2,600	Std Chartd	1,400
BAT Inds	4,700	GRE	1,700	Pearson	1,300	Sun Allnce	3,100
BOC	1,600	GUS A	500	PowerGen	2,400	TI Gp	390
BP	6,500	Gen Acc	912	Prudential	2,200	TSB	1,300
BT	11,000	Gen Elec	5,800	RMC	548	Tate & Lyle	5,900
BTR	3,200	Glaxo	13,000	RTZ	953	Tesco	3,300
Bk of Scot	4,000	Granada	786	Rank Org	1,100	Thames W	749
Barclays	3,700	Grand Met	3,800	Reckitt Col	1,800	Thrn EMI	1,500
Bass	2,800	Guinness	3,000	Redland	994	Tomkins	1,200
Blue Circle	1,600	HSBC	1,800	Reed Intl	381	Unilever	1,500
Boots	2,100	Hanson	13,000	Rentokil	670	Utd Bisc	2,600
Bowater	6,200	ICI	2,400	Reuters	367	Vodafone	4,400
Brit Aero	854	Inchcape	1,300	Rothmans	552	Warburg (SG)	317
Brit Airwys	2,500	Kingfisher	1,100	Ryl Ins	5,000	Wellcome	3,900
Brit Gas	3,900	Ladbroke	23,000	Ryl Bk Scot	1,200	Whitbd 'A'	1,700
Brit Steel	3,900	Land Secs	2,400	Sainsbury	1,300	Wlms Hld	896
Burmah Cast	984	Legal & Gn	1,600	Scot Hydro	542	Wolseley	477
Cable Wire	1,300	Lloyds Bk	1,500	Scot & New	2,900	Zeneca	8,700

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3639.51 (-5.59)
S&P Composite .... 462.19 (-0.96)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 20983.20 (+29.90)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 7493.45 (-48.74)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 129.5 (-0.6)

Sydney: AO .... 1968.4 (-8.7)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1925.62 (+7.04)

FT 30 share .... 2401.4 (-1.8)

Brussels:
General .... 6735.79 (+1.28)

Paris: CAC .... 593.90 (-6.49)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 568.40 (-1.40)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1525.09 (-5.00)
FT 500 .... 1651.40 (-3.08)
FT Gold Mines .... 189.8 (-3.9)
FT Fixed Interest .... 124.88 (-0.32)
FT Govt Secs .... 102.15 (-0.41)
Bargains 36139
SEAQ Volume 674.3m
USM (Datastrm) .... 143.83 (+0.01)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 23	September 10	November 25	December 6

Call options were taken out on 2/9/93: Avesco, Dares pref, Enterprise Comp, Flextech, Hanson Wts, Lucas Wts, Vardon.

Put: Avesco.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 93	3093.0	3102.0	3081.0	3086.0	9017
Previous open interest: 56622	Dec 93	3116.0	3123.0	3108.0	3109.5	1668
Three Month Sterling	Sep 93	94.09	94.10	94.07	94.08	8411
Previous open interest: 361682	Dec 93	94.54	94.54	94.43	94.44	40789
	Mar 94	94.65	94.66	94.57	94.58	11998
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 93	96.75	96.75	96.74	96.75	262
Previous open interest: 14430	Dec 93	96.46	96.47	96.46	96.48	50
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 93	93.44	93.47	93.43	93.45	17529
Previous open interest: 664913	Dec 93	94.01	94.03	93.99	94.02	23959
Long Gilt	Sep 93	113-23	113-26	113-08	113-18	4081
Previous open interest: 97984	Dec 93	114-00	114-00	113-03	113-16	51886
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	111.99	111.99	111.84	111.77	90
	Dec 93	111.34	111.35	111.02	111.02	2783
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 93	100.86	100.87	100.75	100.87	3593
Previous open interest: 16090	Dec 93	101.02	101.10	100.96	101.10	3366
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 93	98.18	98.31	98.03	98.27	89097
Previous open interest: 174132	Dec 93	98.33	98.53	98.24	98.47	63866
Three month ECU	Sep 93	92.35	92.35	92.10	92.15	1835
Previous open interest: 33081	Dec 93	93.53	93.53	93.23	93.28	4287
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 93	95.32	95.32	95.30	95.31	2291
Previous open interest: 52752	Dec 93	95.60	95.60	95.55	95.57	2673
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 93	114.80	114.85	114.03	114.50	33159
Previous open interest: 67719	Dec 93	114.75	114.75	113.90	114.33	20638

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 80.5 (day's range 80.4-80.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sept 2	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7747-2.7927	2.7817-2.7853	⅛-¼ds	¼-½ds
Brussels	52.90-53.51	53.04-53.36	29-37ds	60-77ds
Copenhagen	10.1838-10.3368	10.1994-10.2793	5-5⅞ds	12¾-14⅛ds
Dublin	1.0628-1.0715	1.0674-1.0696	8-12ds	22-30ds
Frankfurt	2.4707-2.4826	2.4726-2.4752	⅛-¼ds	⅜-⅝ds
Lisbon	253.06-255.48	253.86-255.48	106-116ds	313-340ds
Madrid	200.13-202.85	201.63-202.85	74-83ds	218-237ds
Milan	2383.60-2402.40	2393.78-2402.40	6-8ds	19-21ds
Montreal	1.9848-1.9986	1.9901-1.9940	0.26-0.16pr	0.50-0.31pr
New York	1.4974-1.5055	1.5008-1.5015	0.36-0.35pr	1.02-1.00pr
Oslo	10.7678-10.8742	10.7742-10.8243	¼-1ds	par-1¼ds
Paris	8.6924-8.7507	8.6971-8.7162	1¼-1¾ds	3¼-3¾ds
Stockholm	12.2165-12.3827	12.2165-12.2973	1⅜-3¼ds	5½-7⅜ds
Tokyo	158.42-159.08	158.86-159.08	½-⅜pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.3713-17.4909	17.4198-17.4429	⅜-1⅜ds	2¼-4ds
Zurich	2.1772-2.1837	2.1792-2.1817	¼-⅛pr	¾-½pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4965-1.4992
Australia dollar	2.2528-2.2561
Bahrain dinar	0.5615-0.5735
Brazil cruzeiro*	143.77-145.08
Cyprus pound	0.748-0.758
Finland marka	8.807-8.923
Greece drachma	348.75-355.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.5928-11.6021
India rupee	46.90-47.86
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4475-0.4575
Malaysia ringgit	3.8125-3.8167
Mexico peso	4.65-4.75
New Zealand dollar	2.7101-2.7169
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.577-5.703
Singapore dollar	2.4022-2.4054
S Africa rand (fin)	7.0658-7.1155
S Africa rand (com)	5.0598-5.0655
U A E dirham	5.4655-5.5895

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.5069-1.5080
Austria	11.63-11.64
Belgium (Com)	35.38-35.53
Canada	1.324-1.325
Denmark	6.83-6.85
France	5.81-5.82
Germany	1.6535-1.6545
Hong Kong	7.7492-7.7502
Ireland	1.398-1.400
Italy	1604.5-1606.5
Japan	105.75-105.85
Malaysia	2.5485-2.5495
Netherlands	1.858-1.859
Norway	7.211-7.221
Portugal	169.75-170.25
Singapore	1.6058-1.6068
Spain	134.7-134.9
Sweden	8.179-8.199
Switzerland	1.4535-1.4545

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7 Low 4 Week fixed: 5$^{13}/_{16}$
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5$^{3}/_{16}$; 3 mth 5$^{3}/_{16}$. Sell: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth: 5⅛.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	5⅞-5$^{13}/_{16}$	5⅞-5$^{13}/_{16}$	5$^{25}/_{32}$-5$^{23}/_{32}$	5$^{21}/_{32}$-5$^{19}/_{32}$	
Sterling Money Rates	5$^{29}/_{32}$-5$^{27}/_{32}$	5$^{29}/_{32}$-5$^{27}/_{32}$	5$^{27}/_{32}$-5$^{25}/_{32}$	5$^{23}/_{32}$-5$^{21}/_{32}$	5$^{11}/_{16}$-5$^{9}/_{16}$
Interbank	5$^{31}/_{32}$-5$^{29}/_{32}$	5$^{29}/_{32}$-5$^{27}/_{32}$	5$^{27}/_{32}$-5$^{25}/_{32}$	5$^{23}/_{32}$-5$^{21}/_{32}$	5$^{21}/_{32}$-5$^{9}/_{16}$

Overnight: open 6¼, close 4½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps	5⅞	n/a	5¾	5$^{11}/_{16}$	5½
Sterling CDs	5$^{29}/_{32}$-5$^{27}/_{32}$	5⅞-5$^{13}/_{16}$	5$^{25}/_{32}$-5$^{23}/_{32}$	5$^{11}/_{16}$-5⅝	5$^{9}/_{16}$-5½
Dollar CDs	3.10-3.07	n/a	3.13-3.10	3.31-3.28	3.48-3.44
Building Society CDs	5$^{15}/_{16}$-5⅞	5$^{13}/_{16}$-5¾	5¾-5$^{11}/_{16}$	5⅝-5$^{9}/_{16}$	5½-5$^{7}/_{16}$

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: August 31, 1993. Agreed rates Sept 26, 1993 to Oct 25, 1993. Scheme III: 7.15 %. Reference rate July 31, 1993 to August 31, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.898 %.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	3$^{1}/_{16}$-2$^{15}/_{16}$	3$^{1}/_{16}$-2$^{15}/_{16}$	3⅛-3	3$^{5}/_{16}$-3$^{3}/_{16}$	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark	6⅞-6¾	6$^{13}/_{16}$-6$^{11}/_{16}$	6½-6⅜	6⅛-6$^{1}/_{16}$	8-7
French Franc	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7⅛	7$^{5}/_{16}$-7$^{3}/_{16}$	7-6⅞	7-6
Swiss Franc	5⅛-5	5-4$^{13}/_{16}$	4$^{13}/_{16}$-4$^{11}/_{16}$	4⅝-4½	5-4
Yen	3⅛-2⅞	3-2$^{13}/_{16}$	2⅞-2¾	2$^{13}/_{16}$-2$^{11}/_{16}$	3¼-2¾

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS

Bullion: Open $369.10-369.50 Close: $362.50-363.00 High: $369.10-369.60
Low: $361.50-362.00 Krugerrand: $361.50-363.50 (£240.75-242.75)
Sovereigns: Old $84.00-87.00 (£55.00-57.00) New $84.00-87.00 (£55.00-57.00)
Platinum: $379.75 (£254.00) Silver: $4.43 (£2.95) Palladium: $122.20 (£81.75)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Lyon...	600	31½	45	53½	12½	26½	31
(*609½)	650	8½	21½	29½	42½	54½	59
Argyll...	330	14½	22½	29	14	23	26½
(*328½)	360	4½	11	17	35½	40½	45
ASDA...	60	-	11	12	-	4	5½
(*64½)	70	-	6	8	-	9	11
Boots...	460	35½	44	53½	7	15	19½
(*485)	500	12	23	31	25	34½	39½
Br Airways	345	31	40½	-	7½	16½	-
(*362½)	360	21	32	40½	13½	27½	28½
BP...	300	21	28	32½	5	10½	14
(*313)	330	5½	13½	18½	21	26	29½
Br Steel...	110	9½	15	18½	5	9½	12
(*112½)	120	5½	10	14	12	14	17
C & W...	850	35½	59½	72	21	34½	42
(*858½)	900	14	31½	48	51½	63	69
CU...	600	-	33	41	-	26	38
(*592½)	650	-	13	19	-	60	71
ICI...	681	60	77½	-	7½	16	-
(*724½)	750	16	35	45	37	47	61
Kingfshr...	650	32½	51½	65	17	27½	32½
(*666)	700	9½	26½	40½	45½	55½	59½
Land Sec...	650	31½	44	56½	12½	21	29½
(*663½)	700	9	20½	30	42½	53	57
M & S...	360	35½	40½	48	4	8	11½
(*387)	390	15	22	30	13½	20	23½
Nat West...	460	38½	51	55½	5½	12½	19½
(*484)	500	13½	27	33	22½	29½	39½
Sainsbury...	500	22½	33	45	16	26½	31
(*508½)	550	4½	14	23	51½	57½	61
Shell...	650	24½	40	45½	12½	20	30
(*668)	700	4½	17½	22½	46½	50½	59½
Smkl Bch...	420	50	59½	68½	5	14	18
(*456½)	460	24	36	47	19½	30½	35½
Storehse...	220	13	19½	24	7½	13½	16
(*222½)	240	4½	10½	14½	20½	25	27½
Trafalgar...	101	11½	-	-	4	-	-
(*107)	110	5½	9½	12	8½	12	13
Unilever...	1050	61	81	95	12½	25	37
(*1091)	1100	29½	51	-	33	47	60
Zeneca...	700	71	87½	95	8	19	31½
(*760)	750	33½	57½	65	26	39	55
Series		Oct	Feb	May	Oct	Feb	May
Grnd Met...	420	37	46½	52½	5½	16	19½
(*443½)	460	12½	24	31½	23½	36	39½
Ladbroke...	200	18	25½	28	7½	13	19
(*210)	220	7½	15½	18½	18½	24½	31
Utd Bisc...	360	40	49½	52½	5½	13½	21
(*390)	390	18½	32	35	17½	26½	36

Series		Calls Nov	Jan	Apr	Puts Nov	Jan	Apr
BAA...	800	60	68½	84	13	23	27
(*838½)	850	29	39½	54½	33½	46	49½
Thames W.	500	53	54½	63	4½	7½	11
(*539)	550	17	23	31	24	28	31
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind...	450	22	32	-	17	23½	-
(*450½)	475	11	24	-	32½	37½	-
BTR...	390	16	26½	29	15	19	24
(*393)	420	5	13	16	35	38	42
Br Aero...	420	42½	59½	67½	26½	41	47½
(*431)	460	24½	41	49½	50	62½	69½
Br Telcm...	420	24	29	37	9½	17	19½
(*428)	460	6	11½	18	35	41½	43
Cadbury...	460	41	52½	56	7½	13	20½
(*484½)	500	17	28½	33	25½	30½	39
Guinness...	500	22	36½	44	22	31½	41
(*493½)	550	5½	16½	23½	58½	64	71½
GEC...	330	30	35½	41	4½	9½	12
(*349)	360	11	18	24	18	23½	25½
Hanson...	240	17½	21½	23½	6	10	12½
(*253)	260	7	12	14	15½	20	22½
LASMO...	140	17	22½	26	8	11½	15
(*145)	160	8½	14½	18	20	23½	26
Lucas...	140	27	30	33	3½	6	8
(*163)	160	12	17	20½	11½	15	17
Pilkngtn...	140	27½	29	31½	2½	5½	7
(*163)	160	12½	15	19	8	14	16
Prudential...	330	18	28	31½	11	15	21½
(*338)	360	6½	14	17	30	33	38½
Redland...	500	45½	55½	63½	14½	19½	34½
(*532)	550	17½	30	38½	40	45	61½
Royal Ins...	317	12	20½	-	30½	24½	-
(*308½)	346	4	10½	-	43	44½	-
Tesco...	220	19½	24	27	8	13½	18
(*226)	240	6½	14	16½	21½	25	29½
Vodafone...	500	51½	61½	69½	12½	21	26
(*527½)	550	22½	34	43	35	45½	50
Williams...	330	21½	30½	34½	12	17	24
(*341)	360	8	16½	20½	30½	34½	40½

FT-SE INDEX (*3072½)

	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250
Calls						
Sep	100	52	23	9	3½	1½
Oct	115	79	50	29	16	8½
Nov	137	104	78	54	36	22
Dec	162	127	96	75	53	36
Jun	238	-	180	-	132	-
Puts						
Sep	6	17	42	78	127	177
Oct	27	38	63	92	131	178
Nov	39	59	79	109	144	184
Dec	50	70	93	120	153	190
Jun	111	-	155	-	207	-

Series		Calls Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
Abby Nat...	390	7	22½	29½	7½	17½	25½
(*386½)	420	1	9	16	33½	37	43½
Amstrad...	30	4½	6½	7½	1	2½	3
(*33½)	35	1½	3½	5	3	4½	5½
Barclays...	460	37	51	60½	1½	8	16
(*491½)	500	7	25½	35½	13½	24	33½
Blue Circ...	260	11½	21	28½	4	16	21
(*266½)	280	2½	12	19	15	28	32
Br Gas...	330	6	14	21½	4½	16	20
(*331)	360	1	5½	10	30½	38	39½
Dixons...	220	9½	21½	27½	5	14	19½
(*224)	240	2½	12½	18½	19	25	30½
Forte...	220	25	31	37½	1	6½	12
(*245½)	240	7½	18	26	4½	15	21½
Hillsdwn...	160	11	17½	22½	2½	9½	13
(*168)	180	1½	8	13½	15½	22	25
Lonrho...	120	8½	15	19	2	7	11
(*126)	130	2½	10	15	6½	12	16
Sears...	110	5	9½	12	2	5½	7
(*113)	120	1½	4½	7	8½	12	13
Thrn Emi...	950	61½	90½	103½	1½	15	27½
(*1001½)	1000	21	56½	71½	11½	33½	48
Tomkins...	220	21½	29½	34	1	5½	9
(*238½)	240	5½	17	22½	6	14	18
TSB...	200	4	13	17	6	12	16½
(*198)	220	1	6	10	24	25½	29½
Wellcome...	700	62½	95½	103	2½	25	35
(*755)	750	23	54	75	15	47	58
Series		Sep	Dec	Apr	Sep	Dec	Apr
Glaxo...	550	91½	98	11	1½	14½	25
(*639½)	600	45½	64	80	6½	31	45
HSBC...	700	32	57½	77	6½	32	50½
(*716)	750	9½	37½	52½	34½	60	78
Reuter...	1550	17	77	14½	39½	73	02½
(*1520)	1600	5	55½	92½	81	10½	30½
Series		Sep	Dec	Feb	Sep	Dec	Feb
R-Royce...	160	1½	8½	13	11	19	20
(*152)	180	½	3	6	30½	34	35
Series		Oct	Dec	Mar	Oct	Dec	Mar
Fisons...	160	25½	28½	32	2½	6½	10½
(*178½)	180	11½	15½	21½	9	15	19½
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastern Elc.	500	50½	58	64	5	11	14
(*536)	550	18	27½	35	23½	32	35½
Series		Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Natl Pwr...	360	10	22½	30	3½	14½	18
(*365)	390	1	9	16½	26	32½	35
Scot Pwr...	350	10½	23½	-	2½	9½	-
(*355)	390	1	6½	11	34	35	38

September 2, 1993 Tot: 37928 Calls: 20843 Puts: 17085 FT-SE Calls: 2978 Puts: 6308
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Silver slumped following a break of the uptrend which has been in place since February. Technical levels have a significant impact on silver on a day to day basis because of the heavy involvement of the computer oriented funds in the market. However, it remains to be seen if this is the end to the bull market or just a play by the trade anxious to profit from the automatic sell orders below key levels.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	792-790	Dec	890-889
Dec	822-821	Mar	904-902
Mar	844-843	May	914-912
May	856-854	Jul	922 BID
Jul	866-864		
Sep	876-874		Volume: 5278

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1336-1334	May	1203-1200
Nov	1263-1262	Jul	unq
Jan	1225-1224	Sep	unq
Mar	1213-1210		Volume: 2622

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	—
May	unq	May	—
Aug	—	Aug	—
Oct	...		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	266.5-63.0
Spot: 281.0		Aug	272.5-68.5
Oct	265.5-64.5	Oct	263.5-59.5
Dec	259.5-58.0	Dec	265.8-50.0
Mar	263.0-61.0		Volume: 725

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 2

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	71.38	83.97	129.46
(+/-)	+1.87	-0.03	-1.63
Eng/Wales:	71.47	84.15	129.58
(+/-)	+2.05	-0.10	-1.41
(%)	+21.7	-33.4	-6.1
Scotland:	65.42	82.80	128.70
(+/-)	-9.33	+0.03	-2.85
(%)	+6.5	-50.6	-29.3

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	..	Mar	unq	...
Sep	unq	...			Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	100.75
Nov	102.15
Jan	104.25
Mar	106.20
May	108.40
	Volume: 754

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	100.00
Nov	101.65
Jan	103.75
Mar	105.65
May	106.15
	Volume: 58

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	...
Dec	...
Feb	...
Apr	...
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	60.0
Apr	77.0	78.8
May	unq	89.3
		Volume: 20

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Oct 61.75-62.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Levels stagnated as the market awaited something tangible out of the Iraqi/UN talks underway in Geneva.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.50	n/c
Brent 15 day (Sep)	16.55	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Oct)	16.80	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	18.00	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	18.30	+0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	190 (n/c)	192 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	161 (+1)	162 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Sep	164 (+3)	165 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Oct	166 (+1)	167 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	60 (n/c)	62 (n/c)
Naphtha	155 (-2)	157 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Sep	161.50-61.75	Dec	167.75-68.00
Oct	163.50-63.75	Jan	169.25-69.75
Nov	165.50-65.75	Feb	169.00-69.50
			Vol: 11221

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	16.79-16.80	Jan	17.27 BID
Nov	16.98-17.00	Feb	17.39 BID
Dec	17.14-17.16		Vol: 21927

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Sep	180.00-83.00	Dec	unq
Oct	174.00-80.00	Jan	unq
Nov	unq		Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Sep 93	1390	1380	1390
Oct 93	1434	1410	1434
Nov 93	1450	1435	1448
Jan 94	1450	1435	1445

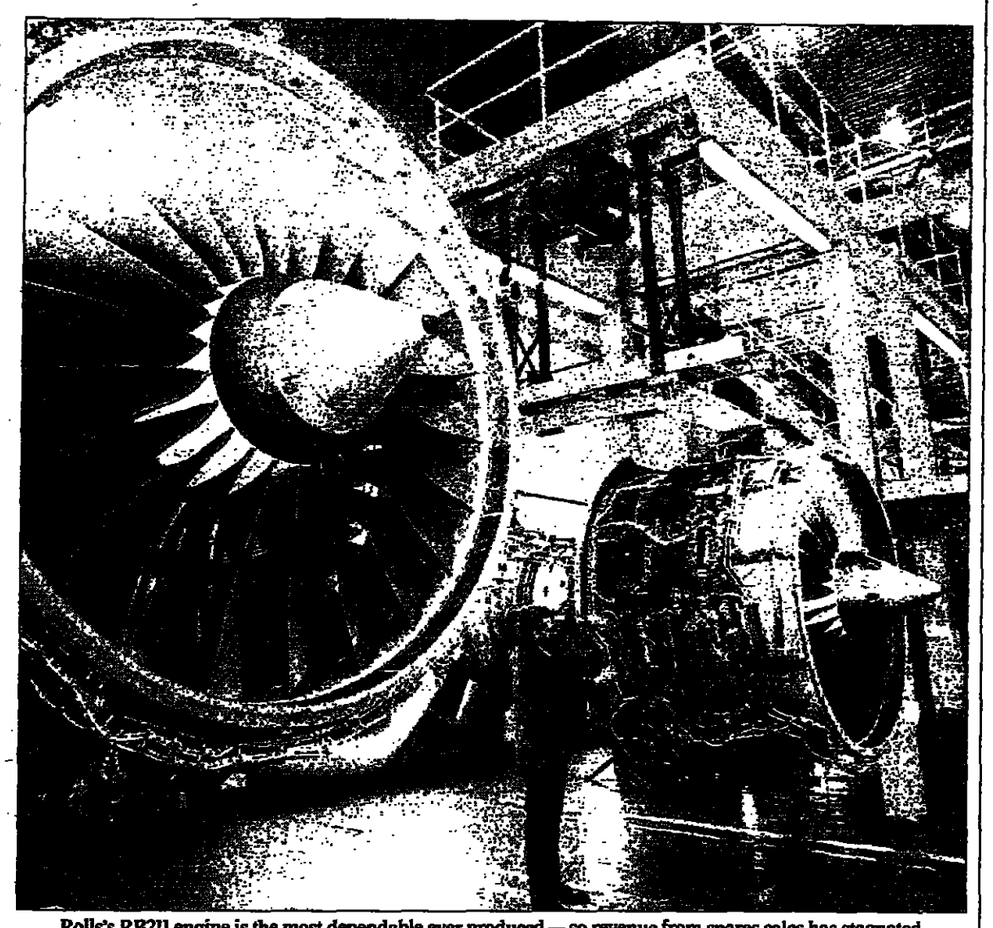
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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1975.0-1980.0	1943.0-1944.0	2597950
Lead ($/tonne)	382.00-382.50	397.00-397.50	79850
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	867.50-868.00	883.50-884.00	517330
Tin ($/tonne)	4644.0-4646.0	4690.0-4691.0	14645
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1145.5-1146.0	1165.5-1166.0	1142600
Nickel ($/tonne)	4610.0-4615.0	4660.0-4665.0	37440

Rolls turns to shareholders for mid-flight refuelling

The aero-engine maker has achieved startling levels of reliability but is now paying the price for its own success, reports Ross Tieman



Rolls's RB211 engine is the most dependable ever produced — so revenue from spares sales has stagnated

Last time Rolls-Royce needed more cash to develop a new aero-engine, it went bust. This time, it is asking shareholders to contribute. The need for money is fundamentally different to that which existed 22 years ago, when Edward Heath's government was obliged to bail the company out of its cost overruns on the development of the RB211 airliner engine. Today, the problem is one of success. But ironically, the RB211 is still at the root of Rolls's financial embarrassment.

It was a rather special engine, the RB211. There were two novel features: a three-shaft design and wide-chord fan blades. Even the designers cannot have realised what a marvellously flexible engineering solution they had devised.

The RB211 has proved the most reliable jet engine ever designed. It has also been evolved to produce far higher power output than envisaged. As the power has gone up, so the relative advantages of the three-shaft design have increased.

Rolls's American rivals, General Electric and Pratt & Whitney, relying on twin-shaft technology, have been forced to meet aircraft builders' demands for bigger engines with new designs. Rolls has just gone on stretching the RB211. First versions of the latest model, the Trent 700, producing 70,000 pounds of thrust, will be delivered to Airbus Industrie, the European consortium, this winter for fitting to the Airbus A330. The even larger Trent 800, being developed to power Boeing's next-generation long distance twin-jet, the 777, will begin testing this month at Rolls's Derby factory.

Even evolution is hugely expensive. In 1988, the year after re-privatisation, Rolls spent £304 million on research and development. In 1990, the figure reached £480 million, and has remained close to that level ever since. Half of it is met by the defence ministry for development of warplane engines, but paying for a civil aviation future to compensate for stagnant or shrinking defence sales has been a heavy burden for Rolls-Royce.

According to Sir Ralph Robins, the chairman, Rolls' American rivals derive up to 80 per cent of research spending from their government.

The effect is startling. Between 1988 and 1992, Rolls's net cash balances declined from £180 million to £84 million. There was a further heavy outflow in the first half of the current year. Sir Ralph says development costs will not start to fall until after 1995, when the new models have achieved certification. Unfortunately, Rolls's profit margins, already wafer thin, are not going to recover until about the same time. Profit, after Rolls's share of research costs but before exceptional items and tax, peaked at £237 million in 1989. Since then, it has fallen steadily, to just £84 million last year. Sales have doubled, to £3.56 billion. Hence the company's desire to take advantage of a recovery in its share price and of a surplus of institutional funds to pop £307 million in the bank. The rights issue announced yesterday also gives Rolls a chance to reinforce its balance sheet, in keeping with the increased turnover.

Anyone looking at the numbers alone could be forgiven for thinking the company was a disaster. It is the RB211 effect, again. An RB211-derived engine on the wing of a Lockheed Tristar has flown for 25,000 hours without being taken down for overhaul. No comparable reliability has ever been achieved in aviation. Reliable means cheap to run. When airlines bought Boeing's big twinjet 757, 95 per cent of the aircraft were delivered with Rolls-Royce engines.

Good news for airline safety and operating costs. Good news for Rolls' new orders and image; disaster for spares revenue. During its lifetime, an aero-engine typically costs as much in spare parts as it did to buy. By selling engines that last longer, Rolls has deferred the build-up of spares revenue by several years. On current figures, Sir Ralph says, spares revenue will not rise significantly from the current £800 million a year before 1995.

Reliability is reflected in new orders. Every year, Rolls increases its share of the world market for civil jet engines. At privatisation, it was a long way back, in third place behind the American. Last year, the British company took 22 per cent of new orders. This year, to date, the proportion is 28 per cent. Rolls estimates that General Electric also took 28 per cent and Pratt & Whitney, 27 per cent.

The achievement is remarkable, but the price is high. Aero-engine manufacturers have failed to adjust their price structures to reflect improved reliability. In an ideal world, Rolls and its rivals would have abandoned their tradition of selling new engines on thin margins, and put up their prices. That has not happened, for several reasons.

First, the worldwide boom in aircraft orders, which began in 1985, came to an abrupt end in 1989, with the onset of recession. Manufacturers were left with surplus capacity, and fought for market share, not margins. Second, the slump in demand for air travel simultaneously grounded older, spares-hungry engines. Third, the 777, the only new aircraft Boeing will introduce before the end of the century, and the likely mainstay of many fleets for several decades to come, demands a bigger engine than anything yet flying. Competition for the launch orders was unprecedented in its ferocity. Now, each company has to develop the engine to meet its commitments.

Rolls' shareholders are not the only ones being asked to pay the price. Last year, the company set aside £180 million to fund a massive restructuring programme, involving closure of six of its 12 main sites and a reduction in employee numbers worldwide from 29,500 to a planned 24,500 by December 1994. In the first half of this year, 2,000 workers left the company through early retirement, redundancy and natural wastage. By the time the programme is complete, Rolls reckons it will have cut its costs by £100 million a year. Already, Sir Ralph says, the company's UK plants are as competitive as any in the world.

Rolls is stepping up efforts to exploit its world-beating technology with other applications, from warship engines for the US Navy to electricity generating plants running on natural gas. These applications, to date, have proved far more profitable than the core aero-engine business.

Why? Because aerospace is an industry distorted by subsidy. Governments fund manufacturers to develop warplanes and the technology spills over into civil applications. Determination, in many countries, to maintain strength in leading technologies means any market-driven company faces competitors funded by foreign taxpayers.

More effective efforts by UK ministers to achieve reductions in state support for aerospace companies around the globe are long overdue. This time, Rolls does not need more taxpayers' money. If the company's claims are right, it needs its rivals to receive less.

TEMPUS

Pay now, fly later

ROLLS-ROYCE asks a great deal from its shareholders. Having cut the dividend in March, it is now demanding £307 million in fresh equity to fund the continuing development of its Trent engines. Furthermore, although the shares have performed strongly since the dividend cut, they are, at 152p, still a third below their peak of 229p, in 1990.

Investors could justifiably ask when they will see the rewards for such suffering. Certainly not in the near future. The collapse in the military order book means that profits will be slim for the next two years at least. During that time, cash is likely to continue leaking out of the business, which makes the rights issue so necessary.

The long-term issue is whether Rolls will be able to earn proper profit margins on its new Trent engines. The engine is an attractive product, as Rolls's long order book proves, and the group is also rationalising its cost base. However, the market for civil aero engines is suffering from structural overcapacity, concealed for years by cross-subsidisation from profitable military sales.

For now, Rolls is content to chase market share, which has risen six points to 28 per cent in the past year. It argues that an engine sold cheap today will require profitable spares in the future, but the group is cutting such potential profits in its drive towards producing more reliable engines.

Continuing cuts in industry capacity and a recovery in military sales from 1996 should improve Rolls's financial performance in the second half of the decade. Less patient investors should seek out more immediate recovery candidiates.

Ladbroke

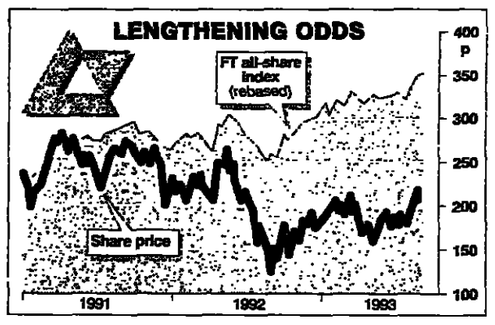
THE question about management succession at Ladbroke Group may have been resolved but Cyril Stein has left his successors many other unsettled issues.

The first priority for Peter George must be to reduce the group's £1.34 billion debts. Ladbroke still seems unable to generate the cash to make any inroads on its borrowings. In the first half of the year, the group suffered a £12.4 million cash outflow despite a slowdown in capital spending. While it promises to be cash positive in the second half, most of the turnaround will come from the enhanced scrip dividend, which saves £78 million.

An acceleration of the property disposal programme would improve the picture greatly. The portfolio is still valued at more than £860 million but so far the group has made negligible progress on sales.

The group should also cut its dividend at the end of the year. There must be a lingering suspicion that it was only held this time to allow Mr Stein to bow out with honour satisfied. At 210p, the shares carry a historic yield of 6.6 per cent, which implies the market expects a cut of more than two-thirds in the final payout to 2p.

Fundamentally, Ladbroke must demonstrate that its betting division can generate sufficient cash to fund the continuing development of Texas and Hilton. If it can re-establish that balance and cut debts the shares could become due for a re-rating.



Pilkington

THE long-awaited disposal of the Sola spectacle lens business should come as a relief to Pilkington and its shareholders. The deal takes immediate pressure off the glass manufacturer's balance sheet, reducing gearing by about 20 percentage points to less than 70 per cent while the price of £210 million, a 43 per cent premium to net assets, will provide a much-needed fillip to the profit and loss account. The sale could not have come at a better time, since the group is feeling the effects of the recession on the Continent while the rise in sterling has eroded much of the 9 per cent price increase it announced in Britain in January.

Pilkington needs to make further disposals to meet the target of Roger Leverton, its chief executive, to cut gearing to less than 50 per cent by early 1995. The quickest way to achieve this would be to sell off some of the peripheral pieces of its international network. The group may sell a half stake in its Australian operations. This would not only bring in additional cash but take further debt off the balance sheet to cut gearing by another 10 points.

Sun Alliance

PREFERENCE share issues are becoming a favourite device of the insurance sector. Following Commercial Union and General Accident, which have made two issues each, Sun Alliance is laying the path for a tranche worth up to £300 million.

This is an astonishing turnround for a group which only four years ago looked heavily over-capitalised. At least it has decided not to dilute its ordinary equity base, which is especially welcome since the preference shares will have the same beneficial impact on the group's solvency margin as a rights issue. The acquisition earlier this year of Hafnia's general insurance and life business knocked four percentage points off the solvency margin, which at June 30 stood at 50 per cent. A £300 million equity raising will add 8 percentage points.

Preference shares are an attractive fund-raising tool since rates are just above 7 per cent, giving Sun the opportunity to take a modest investment turn on the funds until they are needed in its operations. Shareholders should welcome any reinforcement of Sun's balance sheet. It should bring forward that distant day when it will start to increase its dividend again.

Bowater

BOWATER'S pessimism about its trading conditions after an otherwise creditable set of figures was another blackspot in a miserable half-year reporting season. It is also a reminder of the patchiness of the economic recovery.

Bowater, however, has traded through the recession successfully and the weaker demand it has seen this summer could simply indicate that its customers are tightening their working capital. Bowater's recent acquisitions are enhancing earnings as promised and even earning higher margins than the existing business. On that basis, a 4 per cent fall in the share price on the back of a passing comment looks a little severe.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Serving for the match

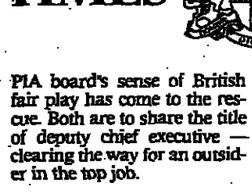
DAVID Lloyd, the former Davis Cup player who floated his sports group on the stockmarket in March, has been caught up in a bidding war for one of his own clubs. The freehold on The David Lloyd Tennis Centre near Heathrow Airport has been put up for auction by Hounslow Borough Council and Lloyd, who owns the buildings but leases the site, is naturally keen to correct this deficiency. Other investors, lured by the prospect of receiving rental income of £30,000 a year, have been bombarding Conrad Ritblat Sinclair Goldsmith, the auctioneer, with requests for information, before the auction at the Portman Hotel in London on September 28. Bidding starts at £250,000. Lloyd, who raised about £10 million of cash from the float, will consider it a bargain.

Fair play

"WHO will be the chief executive of the Personal Investment Authority?" has been the question on every regulator's lips for months. No one has been asking it more urgently than Kit Jebens and Godfrey Jillings, heads, respectively, of Lautro, the life assurance and unit trust watchdog, and Fimbra, its financial intermediary counterpart. With both bodies set to disappear into the jaws of the PIA, neither's job security can be described as watertight. By the same token, neither would have welcomed the announcement that the other was to be chief executive of the PIA. Never fear. The PIA board's sense of British fair play has come to the rescue. Both are to share the title of deputy chief executive — clearing the way for an outsider in the top job.

Joy of love

THE high-rollers at WH Smith's group head office near Sloane Square, central London, were momentarily distracted yesterday when dozens of young girls took to the street outside. The rumpus was caused by a television crew that had taken over a disused hairdressers to film part of an episode of *Lovejoy*. Ian McShane, the lead actor, was in attendance, but frustratingly, the windows had been blacked out, and the fans were obliged to trek to WH Smiths to catch a sight of McShane's face — plastered over the cover of the latest *Radio Times*. Weary staff had seen it all before. Dudley Sutton, who plays Tinker in the series, about an antiques dealer, is a regular visitor. It is worth noting that the author of the *Lovejoy* series of books is a retired professor of tropical medicine . . . Jonathan Gash.



"Rolls-Royce Rights"

Offside

TERRY Venables, ousted chief executive of quoted Tottenham Hotspur football club, never quite got the hang of the Stock Exchange. Yesterday's announcement that he had sold his near-23 per cent stake in the club was made at a news conference in west London and picked up by the news wires nearly an hour and a half before going out on the Stock Exchange's regulatory service. Previously, Venables had twice dropped profit forecasts on prime-time television, rather than through the more conventional channels.

Tact, please

THIS week, *The Guardian* published a mini-profile of Sir Edward du Cann, including a dig or two about his past connections with Homes Assured, the failed mortgage broker from which he resigned as a director 15 days before the liquidators went in. After posing the question: "Has he been involved with any other dodgy companies?" the author answers: "Lonrho". And this from the newspaper that has just bought the *Observer* from the same "dodgy" company for a healthy £27 million.

Nomura capture

THE executive merry-go-round spins on with word that Nomura Bank International has snatched Michael Williams from Barclays to run its banking division. Williams, 42, has been with Barclays for 25 years, most recently as managing director Europe for Barclays Global Services. In another recent senior management change, Nomura hired David Stewart, former head of credit at Dresdner Bank. Meanwhile, David Chassels, 3i's previous head of corporate finance in Scotland has resurfaced at BDO Binder Hamlyn, the accountant, to build up the firm's Scottish network. 3i shut down its Glasgow corporate finance operation in April.

Bare cheek

TRAGEDY struck at Citigate Communications, the financial PR firm, last week, when John Rudofsky, a director, parted company with an old friend. Rudofsky and others were sampling the products of Taunton Cider, one of the firm's more popular clients, when an unnamed colleague discovered a razor and soap and whipped off his legendary moustache. Rudofsky says: "I'm growing it back. I had it for 20 years and was very attached to it." His travails were not in vain. Guilt-stricken colleagues had a whip-round and raised £75 for a children's charity.

AS if Friday afternoons were not difficult enough, Balls Brothers will dish out six free oysters with every bottle of Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label or Vintage Reserve sold, today. A free champagne and oyster tasting is thrown in at Balls Brothers in Hay's Galleria, Tooley Street, over the weekend.

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTERS

Youth Training offers jobs hope

From Mr Brian Hinners

Sir, I was interested to read your article "Education system could do better, says industry" (August 26).

Training and enterprise councils, as you may be aware, are responsible for managing youth training activities in their communities and, at a time when 16-year-olds are making choices about their futures, it is most disappointing that the option of Youth Training is often ignored.

Your article makes a strong case for the need to recognise the value of vocational qualifications but fails to mention that Youth Training offers an opportunity for young people to gain recognised qualifications at various levels. It provides the necessary work-based experience to achieve national vocational qualifications, it pays young people whilst they are doing it and, according to a survey conducted in Leicestershire by the employment department last year, eight out of ten young people who completed their programme went into employment.

We recognise the importance of qualifications and jobs to young people and in recent months we have been visiting local employers, informing them about Youth Training and encouraging them to offer a vacancy for a young person.

We have identified some 600 such vacancies, over and above what would normally be expected, but we are having difficulty in finding the young people to fill them. There is so much depressing news about the lack of opportunities that they must come to believe, as your article puts it, that "there is nowhere else to go" other than to stay on in school in ever increasing numbers.

It is true that many of the larger household name organisations that your article refers to are not expanding their work forces but it is from the smaller and medium-size companies that growth is likely to come and it is in these kinds of organisations that we have located most of our vacancies.

Schools are in the privileged position of having a captive audience when offering guidance to 16-year-olds. We recognise that Youth Training suffers from a poor image because of past practices but it has changed considerably in recent years and, in our view, should be given a greater public profile in any debate on career opportunities for young people.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN HINNERS
(Marketing Director),
Leicestershire Training and Enterprise Council,
Meridian East,
Meridian Business Park,
Leicester.

Selection process

From Dr D. R. Swinson

Sir, The competitors of Lucas Industries (The Lucas Shopping List of Skills sought from Graduates, August 26) will hardly be able to believe their good fortune. In selecting graduates, Lucas, a company whose reputation is based in electrical engineering, now puts such vaguely defined qualities as "communication skills", "interpersonal skills", "flexibility" and "team working" above numeracy. Clearly, Lucas Industries has succumbed to the wiles of the behavioural scientist and is committing commercial suicide.

Yours sincerely,
D. R. SWINSON,
155 Wigan Road,
Standish, Lancashire.

Poison in the well of privatisation

From Dr Roy J. S. Thurston

Sir, It appears that anyone contemplating the purchase of either British Rail or parts of the coal industry would do well to reconsider in the light of the potential liabilities for existing contamination of land and pollution of the underground water, unless the government is prepared to offer some form of indemnity.

Areas of land which may have been used for many years as storage for coal will inevitably have pollution of sub-surface water which may incur very expensive remediation costs. The purchase of these areas will carry the liabilities for the clean-up costs which could be with the purchaser until well into the next century.

Those considering purchasing coal mines would do well to investigate the potential ongoing liabilities for prevention of water pollution when the mine (or parts of it) has been worked out. Experiences with extinct Cornish tin mines should serve as a warning.

The government, for its part, must require that some form of bond is deposited by any purchaser to ensure that future remediation costs do not fall on the public purse.

If anyone is then still interested in the purchase of these industries, perhaps they should retire to a darkened room and lie quietly until the mood passes.

Yours faithfully,
ROY J. S. THURSTON
EMTechnology Ltd,
3 Kinthall Lane,
Broadheath,
Tenbury Wells,
Worcestershire.

Supply and demand

From F. P. Taylor

Sir, Alan Booker suggests (August 27) that metered customers at present pay too much for their supply.

Water meters are expensive. They have to be bought, fitted, and read and replaced regularly to counter scale and corrosion. Unmetered consumers incur none of these costs. It is unfair that they should bear them. Those who choose to have their supply metered should pay a meter rental. A realistic charge would be £40 a year or £10 a quarter. To expect everyone to subsidise those who choose to have meters is unjust.

Yours faithfully,
F. P. TAYLOR,
7 Kingsway, Frodsham,
Cheshire.

OCEANS OF OPPORTUNITY!

The acclaimed new production of Daphne du Maurier's "September Tide" is transferring from the King's Head Theatre to the West End in September.

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Tel: 071 226 8561.

Investment in the theatre is highly speculative. This advertisement has been approved under the Financial Services Act (1986) by a company regulated in the conduct of investment business by the Law Society.

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Shares end with small losses

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began August 16. Dealings end today. §Contango day September 6. Settlement day September 13. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	345	Abbey Ntl	387 †	-8	11.5	3.7	14.9
284	170	Allied Irish	207 †	-2	...	3.9	14.9
197½	130	Aus New Z	180	-6	...	4.8	...
3806½	2712½	Bankamerica	3106½	-43½	...	...	...
295	177	Bk of Ireland	290	-1	...	4.9	20.1
390	335	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
176	110½	Bank Scotland	173	+1	4.5	3.3	34.5
517	362	Barclays	490 †	-8	...	...	...
4½	2	Benchmark	4½	...	...	...	...
21	15½	Carlisle	19½	...	...	...	...
569	395	Cater Allen	569	+2	27.0	5.9	...
153	85	Cattles	150½	...	...	3.5	19.8
2490	1787½	Chase Manh	2300 †	+12½	...	...	...
2243½	1343½	Citicorp	2175 †	-31½	...	...	...
433	250	Close Bros	433	...	...	2.7	19.3
£130½	9275	Commerzbk	£127½	-12½	...	3.1	...
£317½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£317½	+340½	...	1.9	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	89 †	+1	...	0.7	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1543	...	...	0.4	-
494	343	Gerrard Nat	493	+3	21.5	5.5	13.1
774	490	HSBC	717	-9½	19.0	3.3	17.0
732	474	HSBC HK	702	-7	19.0	3.4	16.6
389	243	Hambros	353	-15	14.0	5.0	16.3
413	313	Joseph (L)	410	+22	16.6	5.1	...
155	9½	King Shaxson	150	...	9.0	7.5	...
508	312	Kleinwort Ben	498 †	-7	16.0	4.0	17.3
591	492	Lloyds	539	-7	18.4	4.3	15.4
109½	63	Lon Scot Bk	104	+15	3.0	3.6	20.6
522	322	Nat Aust Bk	509	-18	...	4.0	17.6
512	398	Nat West	484 †	-8	17.5	4.5	29.4
460	270	Provident	448	-4	11.4	3.2	19.2
54	39	Rea Bros	51	...	0.5	1.2	53.9
305	207	Ryl Bk Scot	277	-3	8.8	4.0	...
1335	467½	Schroders	1323	+8	...	1.0	26.4
994	576	Stand Chart	941 †	+3	20.0	2.7	...
218	145½	TSB	198 ‡	-2	6.4	4.0	...
190	79	Union Disc	175	...	...	...	...
915	529	Warburg SG	808	-2	...	2.9	20.4
286	185	-do- 6% 'A'	283	-1	...	2.7	...
7850	4847½	Wells Fargo	7762½	-75	...	1.3	...
187	121	Westpac	184	-3	...	4.1	...
280	188	Wintrust	280 †	...	9.3	4.2	25.0

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	610	-16	...	4.3	18.5
647	441	Bass	483	-15	18.9	4.9	10.5
290	189	Boddington	282	...	7.3	3.2	16.4
449	362	Bulmer (HP)	449	+2	...	2.8	19.6
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	154	...	4.7	3.9	12.9
404	261	Devenish (JA)	404	...	7.9	2.4	22.8
130	75	Eldridge P 'A'▲	128	...	...	3.2	33.9
68½	50	Fosters Brewing	58	-1½	...	4.7	8.0
413	338	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	413	+3	7.4	2.2	17.7
480	383	Grand Met	445	-10	12.3	3.5	14.7
427	347	Greenalls Grp	389	-2	11.7	3.8	12.9
572	505	Greene King	509	...	...	2.7	16.1
521	437	Guinness	493	-16	...	3.0	17.5
281	230	Hardy Hansn	266	...	7.9	3.7	14.7
125	105	Heavitree▲	115	...	3.0	3.3	27.4
353	255	Highland Dstd	335	...	6.0	2.2	22.3
3138	2538	Holt J	2950	...	41.0	1.7	19.2
80	33	Hoskins Brew	71	-1	...	...	51.1
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	287	+1	...	3.1	16.2
186	154	Macallan-Glen	157	...	0.9	0.7	35.3
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	383	+8	...	2.9	18.3
221	164	Mansfield	221	+1	...	2.2	15.8
299	231	Mrston Thmp	281	-2	...	2.4	17.0
460	328½	Matthew Clark	460 †	...	...	4.6	13.5
300	253	Mrrydwn W	290 †	...	7.0	3.0	-
545	455	Morland	530	...	8.4	2.0	21.4
12	6½	Paramount▲	9½	...	...	2.1	17.3
182	145	Regent Inns	182	...	...	3.1	18.2
975	753	SA Breweries	887	-14	...	3.1	14.7
487	406	Scot & New	479	+1	...	4.4	14.9
225	181	Taunton Cider	209	-4	6.0	3.6	17.1
256	215	Vaux Group	251	-2	9.3	4.7	17.3
314	225	Wetherspoon JD	314	+9	...	1.9	25.4
546	435	Whitbread 'A'	536	-6	...	4.1	14.5
1180	950	-do- 'B'	1158	...	...	1.9	29.1
613	485	Wolvrhmptn D	494	-10	11.4	2.9	13.9
515	475	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	73	Abbey	120	...	...	8.5	-
27	13	Albrighton▲	20	...	...	...	...
123	87	Allen▲	116	...	...	5.4	26.3
107	65	Amec	95	+2	3.0	3.9	17.6
12	4	Anglia Sec	8½	...	...	...	...
283	155	Ashtead▲	283 †	+4	4.5	2.0	-
142	101	Attwoods	120	...	5.0	5.2	17.4
255	180	BPB Ind	239	+7	...	3.9	41.1
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	87	+1	3.1	4.5	29.2
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	26	...	0.5	...	...
108	74	Barcom	107	...	1.2	1.5	19.4
56½	32½	Bardon	49½	...	2.0	5.1	24.4
162	94	Barratt Devs	159	+3	2.0	1.6	17.7
437	305	Bellway	436	...	...	3.4	25.3
42	15	Bellwinch	42	+1	...	...	...
446	295½	Berkeley Gp	434	-1	...	1.7	27.2
116	45	Best Bros	108	...	...	0.6	4.4
63	36	Blockleys	57	-1	1.0	2.2	63.0
285	189	Blue Circle	267	+2	...	5.3	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	275	...	5.9	2.7	15.4
106	78	Breedon PLC	94	...	4.6	6.1	22.7
121	82	Br Dredging	115	-1	5.2	5.7	25.5
83	45	Brit Fittings	66	...	1.5	2.8	...
151	99	Bryant	142½	-½	4.8	4.2	30.5
88	53	CALA	88	...	2.3	...	...
293	205	CRH	292	...	...	2.9	20.3
43	18	Cakebread Rby	28	...	...	...	...
45	23	Costain	38	...	...	...	...
140	86½	Countryside	139	+2	...	3.7	36.7
75	38	Crest Nicholson	75	+2	0.0	...	...
97	27	Cussins	97	...	...	1.3	...
3½	1½	Dunton▲	3	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	19	...	0.5	3.3	...
275	178	Epwin	275	...	6.8	3.1	23.1
53	32	Erith	52	...	0.3	0.8	...
453	252	Eve Group▲	453	...	...	2.8	16.4
6½	3½	Explaura▲	4½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp▲	130	...	...	4.8	20.7
50	38	Galliford	47	-1	4.3	...	18.9
78	52	Gibbs & Dandy	63	-1	...	2.0	...
918	695	Gleeson (MJ)	915	...	12.7	1.7	14.8
139	90	Hewden-Stuart	139	+3½	...	2.9	31.6
51	28	Hewetson	45 †	...	...	3.5	33.2
311	186	Heywd Wm	308	...	12.5	5.1	...
119	37	Higgs & Hill	115	-1	2.5	2.7	...
35	26	How Gp	35	+1	...	5.4	...
21	15	Howard Hldgs	21 †	...	0.5	3.0	...
78	39	Ibstock Johnsen	77	...	1.0	1.6	...
19½	12½	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
314	196	Laing (J)	294	-3	9.0	3.8	11.8
127½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	120½	...	...	6.3	...
95	55	Ln Clydeside▲	90	...	4.5	6.3	33.9
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	17½	...	...	...	7.9
337	240	Manders	337	+7	9.9	3.3	20.6
168	93	Marley	159	...	4.2	3.3	46.0
103	61	Marshalls	102	...	...	4.9	70.2
175	122	Maunders (J)	173	...	4.9	3.6	15.8
215	96	McAlpine (A)	209	-1	6.5	3.9	35.7
40½	23	McCarthy & S	37	-1	0.5	...	...
388	272	Meyer Int	363	...	...	3.4	36.4
129	62	Mowlem (J)	125	...	4.0	4.0	...
135	51	NSM	117	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler▲	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
171	106	Newman Tnks	160	-2	...	6.2	21.4
300	197	Persimmon	291	+2	8.6	3.7	29.4
31	12	Phoenix Timber	16	...	...	...	18.1
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	2.4	9.3
146	80	Prowting	132	-1	3.4	3.2	...
6½	2½	Quiligotti▲	2½	...	...	...	...
823	555	RMC Gp	773	-4	...	3.2	30.4
117	75½	Raine Ind	92	...	6.0	8.2	15.4
36	20	Ramus▲	22	...	...	...	...
573	402	Redland	532	-1	25.0	5.9	31.0
79	64	Roskel	79	...	4.3	6.8	11.6
296	207	Rugby Group	264	+2	6.4	3.1	30.2
49	23	Swild-Rvea	49	...	...	0.6	...
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	110	...	...	4.5	19.1
221	86½	Sheffield Insl	217	-1	...	3.1	53.3
153	82	Sheriff Hldgs▲	153	+3	...	1.6	22.8
95	66	Shorco▲	80	...	...	8.4	17.6
240	196	Smart (J)	235	...	8.5	4.5	10.7
6½	2½	Sturnin	4½	...	...	2.9	...
157½	103	Tarmac	157	+4	5.5	4.4	...
194	137	Tay Homes	176	-1	5.8	4.2	11.2
139	63	Taylor Woodrw	123	+2	1.0	1.0	...
628	433	Tilbury Dougls	610	-5	33.0	6.8	19.9
39	19	Torex Hire▲	35	...	...	1.4	...
247	168	Travis Perkins	235	-4	8.0	4.3	41.4
40	30	Try Group	33	...	1.0	3.8	9.3
28	26	Tudor▲	26	...	...	1.2	...
88½	41	Vibroplant	87	+3	2.5	3.6	30.8
65	20	Ward Hldgs	48	...	...	...	...
38	25	Waterhouse	33	-2	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	433	...	...	3.5	18.7
26	8	Wescol▲	23	...	...	...	...
164	90	Westbury	164	...	5.0	3.8	25.6
12	4½	West Scaffolds▲	7½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9 #	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	441	-2	8.7	2.5	30.3
208	147	Wilson (C)	195	-2	3.9	2.5	33.8
194	104	Wimpey G	188	+2	...	3.5	...
47	25	YRM	34	...	0.5	1.0	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	635	-3	...	...	...
228	198	Adam & Harvey	228	...	12.0	6.6	4.2
92	56	Air London▲	75	...	...	5.8	9.3
56	37	African Lakes	49	...	2.0	5.1	...
178	125	Auto Sec	155	+1	...	4.3	27.8
138	84	BET Ord	126½	+1½	...	3.2	5.1
100	41	BNB Res	100	...	4.9	6.1	...
318	258	BPP	308 †	-1	8.0	3.2	17.0
285	195	Barbour Index	220	...	8.0	4.5	-
24	15	Bousnead	24	...	0.7	3.6	...
265	184	Brit Data Mgt	240	...	...	2.1	20.0
26	11	Broadcastle▲	24	-1	...	1.3	18.9
73	54	Brooks Service	65	...	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	101	...	2.8	3.5	-
193	139½	Capita Group	193 †	...	...	1.4	30.1
45	31	Caskel Plc	43½	...	...	2.3	16.7
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	22	+1½	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	46	...	...	...	...
370	228	Chubb Sec	362	-2	...	1.6	22.5
100	18	Comact▲	94	...	...	2.0	23.5
30	6½	Corp Services	26	...	...	...	...
52	20	Counts Cnslg	47	...	...	...	...
110	50	Dart	110	...	3.3	3.4	14.9
256	198	Davis Service	244	+1	...	4.1	18.4
104	65	EW Fact▲	94	...	4.3	5.7	10.8
32	11	Gardiner	32	...	0.6	...	32.0
257	215	Hays	247	+3	4.6	2.3	34.3
248	174	Hogg Robinsn	243	-4	...	3.4	17.7
70	35	Holmes Protectn	35	...	...	...	2.1
206½	127	Hunch Whamp	204½	-2	...	2.3	17.4
2062½	975	ISS B DKr	1925	...	...	5.5	2.5
637	519	Inchcape	571	-9	...	3.0	19.8
863	669	Johnson Clean	833 †	...	25.7	3.9	18.2
12	2½	Lep	10½	...	...	...	...
288	173	Mine Gp	284 †	...	3.5	1.5	22.1
1187	893	Manpower	1108	...	...	...	...
61	40½	Michael Page	61	...	1.8	3.7	25.7
279	107	Penna▲	167	...	...	7.5	6.3
4½	2	Prime People▲	2½	...	...	...	...
142	80	Proudfoot Alex	123	...	...	12.2	6.8
423	337	RCO	375	+7	12.8	4.7	12.7
118	100	REA	100	...	4.0	5.0	...
105	43	Read Executive	105	...	...	...	...
156	110	Reliance Sec▲	113 †	...	...	5.0	...
238	178	Rentokil	210	-3	2.3	1.4	26.1
283	220	Rolfe & Nolan	223	...	...	4.0	12.6
399	334	Salvesen (C)	383	-1	...	2.5	21.0
37	26	Scott Pickford▲	37	...	...	2.7	11.8
6½	5	Select Appt▲	6	...	...	...	...
1098	695	Serco Gp	1098	+8	14.0	1.6	30.2
352	124	Sherwd Cmpa	195	...	...	5.7	4.5
130	90	Shirchley	99	...	...	1.8	22.6
355	310	Warner Howrd	342	...	6.5	2.4	17.9
45	27	Welpac	32	-1	...	...	...
26	14	Wills Gp	24½	...	...	0.5	33.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
249	210	Allied Colloids	235	...	...	2.3	20.7
801	613	Amersham	850	-2	...	2.0	29.4
7	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£103½	8325	BASF DM	£103½	+162½	...	3.1	...
297	199	BTP	289	...	...	4.0	19.9
£123½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£123½	+35½	...	4.3	...
178	134	Blagden	167 †	...	9.5	...	18.0
165	93	Brent Chems	114	...	...	8.2	10.3
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	360	...	...	...	...
29	12	Caird Gp	13	...	...	12.8	36.1
153	126	Canning (W)	144	...	7.2	6.3	16.5
606	504	Courtaulds	552	-7	...	3.2	14.7
307	228	Croda	307	+2	...	3.2	20.1
149	121	Doeflex	138	...	4.6	4.2	16.6
225	175	Ellis & Everard	220	+1	7.0	4.0	-
34½	19½	Euro Colour	34	...	0.8	2.9	21.8
324	259	Halstead (J)	324	...	...	2.3	16.2
241	167	Hickson	185	+1	...	5.5	16.9
£114½	8650	Hoechst	£112½	+187½	...	3.1	...
225	195	Holliday Chem	220	...	...	2.1	20.1
733	608	ICI	721 †	-10½	...	4.8	...
688	576	Laporte	627	-1	19.5	3.9	17.3
223	161	Leigh	223 †	...	...	4.4	21.5
97½	35	MTM	64	...	...	...	...
1900	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1800	...	...	1.6	25.6
464	370	Paterson Zoch	461	...	11.4	3.1	19.9
420	360	-do- 'A'	419	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
296	221	Plysu	257	+3	...	3.7	15.5
250	173	Porvair	249	...	3.6	1.8	26.6
70	35	Stacliffe Speak	61	...	...	...	...
485	412	Wardle Storeys	477	...	16.0	4.2	19.2
490	395	Wistnhlme R	490	...	17.0	4.3	16.8
401	330	Yorks Chem	378 †	...	...	2.5	20.2
306	238	Yule Catto	276	+4	5.9	2.7	16.9
765	593	Zeneca	760	+33	...	4.6	44.3

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	65 †	...	...	5.8	...
87	42	Amber Day	74	-1	3.1	5.2	20.3
344	257	Argos Plc	343	-1	...	2.6	29.1
25	12	Ashley Group	19½	...	...	...	...
119	69	Ashley (Laura)	106	-1	0.1	0.1	...
305	278	Asprey	303	+2	5.1	2.1	31.0
134	94	Austin Reed	133	...	...	2.3	...
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	154	-1	...	4.9	15.5
121	94	Bentalls	104	-1	1.9	2.3	...
378	308	Betterware	232	-2	...	1.1	27.8
39	22	Blacks Leis	38 †	...	2.2	7.4	...
227	133	Body Shop	190	-3	...	1.1	24.5
16½	11½	Brown & Jackson	15½	-½	...	0.6	7.7
401	318	Brown (N)	395	...	...	2.2	23.2
87½	64½	Burton	75½	...	...	3.3	...
145	126	Cantors	145	...	...	2.3	19.3
360	298	Church	348	...	12.5	4.5	30.7
183	97	Clinton Cards	153	...	4.2	3.5	18.5
251	212	Coats Viyella	249	...	...	3.6	20.3
112	78	Colourvision▲	103 †	...	5.6	6.8	18.5
700	374	Courts Furnish	699	...	5.5	1.0	8.7
155	115	Crown Eyes	135 †	...	...	0.5	9.2
129	89	Dairy Farm Intl	126	...	...	2.9	18.8
83	51½	Dewhirst (I)	83	...	1.0	1.5	26.6
281	169	Dixons Grp	224	-2	...	3.5	...
413	320	Dunhill	397	-1	8.1	2.6	15.4
21	12½	ERA Gp	14	-1	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.9	17.8
166	71	Essex Furn	166	...	...	...	...
273	203	Etam	272	-1	6.9	3.2	24.9
608	499	Fine Art Dev	578	-1	12.7	2.8	18.9
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	39	...	...	...	...
548	498	Formminster	548	...	14.0	3.2	9.9
163	24	French Conn▲	163	+6	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	73	...	2.0	3.4	21.4
68	23	Goldsmiths Gp	64	-1	0.5	0.6	...
3725	2400	GUS	3638	...	...	1.5	28.5
2113	1563	-do- 'A'	2010	-13	...	2.8	15.6
40	31	Hampden Grp▲	33	...	...	3.8	16.4
277	30	Hartstone	60	...	...	5.8	...
29½	20	Helene Plc	29½	...	2.0	9.9	12.1
72	29	Heritage▲	71	...	...	...	...
71	35	Honeysuckle▲	69	-1	...	1.8	9.8
123	83	Jacques Vert	121 †	...	...	3.1	9.3
691	496	Kingfisher	666	-12	...	2.6	21.8
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	70 †	...	4.0	7.1	14.4
685	495	Liberty	590	...	7.2	1.6	68.3
330	241	Lloyds Chem	292	-1	5.5	2.4	11.1
152	120	MFI	146	+3	...	3.3	30.2
391	311	Marks Spencer	387	+3½	...	2.6	21.3
565	445	Menzies (John)	564	...	...	2.4	15.8
227	135	Moss Bros	226	...	5.5	3.0	26.5
210½	139½	Next	193	-7½	2.5	1.6	23.0
40	15	Oliver (G)	40	+1	...	...	...
303	197	Oriflame Intl	278 †	-4	...	4.3	13.6
63	38½	Pentos	49	-1	1.5	3.8	10.2
313	185	QS Hldgs	205	...	5.1	3.2	14.6
41½	11	Ramers Group	36	+½	...	...	...
36½	20½	Rhino Grp▲	36½	+½	...	...	...
181	135	Sherwood Gp	154	...	...	2.1	13.9
117	93	Sears	113	-1	...	3.9	...
496	400	Smith WH 'A'	463	-1	...	3.9	15.1
15	4½	Specialeyes▲	14	...	...	...	...
229	176	Storehouse	223	-3	...	2.8	28.8
191	148	T & S Stores	165	...	5.9	4.5	12.3
160	71	Tie Rack	160	+1	1.0	0.8	26.2
231	160	Time Products	223	-3	7.5	4.2	19.2
114	63	Usher (Frank)▲	111	-1	...	5.6	8.8
45	27	Vivat	34	...	1.0	3.7	10.5
40	34	Wensum▲	34	...	...	6.7	...
119	76	Wickes	100 †	+½	...	0.3	45.5
78	45	Wld of Leather▲	69	...	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale▲	168	...	...	3.0	22.2
4	2½	Xtra-vision▲	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	173	-2	...	3.6	17.4
240	223	Acal▲	240	...	...	3.3	16.7
162½	38	Acorn Compa	100	...	...	...	50.7
480	385	Admiral	470	...	5.4	1.4	19.8
168	100	Alba	166	...	...	3.7	20.3
48	19½	Alphameric	42	...	...	...	...
38½	22	Amstrad	33½	...	0.4	...	...
129	61	App Holo▲	126	...	...	...	...
36	9½	Arlen	36 †	+4	...	...	...
86	39½	Astec	81½	-2	...	0.4	1.3
293	243	Beales Hunter	243 †	...	9.4	4.8	-
9	3½	Bennett & Fount	3½	...	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	410	...	19.2	6.0	...
575	435	Bick	475	...	9.2	2.4	19.5
1700	1100	Borland▲	1300	+12	...	...	...
371	274	Bowthorpe	366	...	6.3	2.2	23.9
449½	376	BT	428 †	...	...	4.6	20.2
189½	150	BT P/P	186 ‡	+1	...	6.4	21.1
11½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	11	...	0.1	1.1	...
160	110	Burnfield	159	...	5.7	4.5	25.1
863	669	Cable Wireless	850	-1	...	2.2	27.6
23½	11½	Chloride	23½	+1	...	...	...
273	229	CML Micro▲	273	...	...	2.2	19.8
115	74	Comptr People	97	...	0.6	0.8	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	149	+1	...	1.3	15.3
424	243	Critchley	423	...	...	1.8	-
553	414	Delta	545	-2	...	3.2	22.4
380	205	Denmans El▲	359	...	...	2.1	15.3
620	395	Domino	464	+3	7.2	1.9	15.8
65	48	Dowding Mills	62	-1	2.5	5.0	20.4
1105	865	Druck▲	1105 †	...	10.0	1.1	23.6
469	358	Electrocompnts	468	...	...	2.1	19.1
580	470	El Data Prc	558	+5	5.1	1.1	15.3
116	43	Elecron House	116	...	2.6	2.8	25.1
30½	10½	Emess	25	-1	0.1	0.5	...
601	442	Eurotherm	600	-1	8.0	1.7	22.3
155	108	FKI	145	+1	...	2.6	21.2
465	340	Farnell Elect	464	+1	...	1.7	24.6
90	33	Feedback▲	88	...	...	2.1	11.7
18	9½	Ferranti	11½	-½	...	...	...
258	101	First Tech	258	...	1.0	0.5	-
270	81	Forward Gp▲	265	...	...	1.6	24.0
21½	16	Forward Tech	21½	+½	...	...	...
363	264	GEC	349	-8	10.3	3.7	17.5
196	132	Graseby	186	-1	...	7.5	38.4
14½	7½	Graystone	13½	...	...	...	...
39	36	Hikdarea	36	...	...	1.7	11.7
169	83	INSTEM▲	145	+3	...	2.7	10.3
388	320	Inner Stroud	378 †	...	8.6	2.9	-
19	8	Kembrey	15	...	0.1	1.3	...
343	260	Kenwood App	340	-2	...	2.9	19.1
216	47	Kewill Sys▲	206	...	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	190	...	5.5	3.7	22.3
60	16	Laser-Scan▲	35	...	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS▲	249 †	...	...	0.4	35.1
300	240	Lec Refrig	260	...	9.0	4.4	...
179	134	Life Sciences	154	...	3.5	2.9	16.5
269	164	Logica	249	+2	3.6	1.8	29.4
55	44	LPA Inds▲	55	...	...	8.0	15.5
214	162	MR Data Mngmt	209	...	4.3	2.6	19.9
683	523	Macro 4	645	+2	...	2.5	21.6
650	527	Memrex-Sys▲	650 †	...	...	2.1	19.2
3013	1805	Micro Focus	1965	-20	...	...	18.1
227	140	Microgen	172	...	7.2	5.3	11.7
34½	23½	Microvitec▲	29½	+½	...	...	...
529	357	Misys	508	...	7.0	1.7	-
437	98	Mitel	415	-4	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Compa▲	128	...	...	3.4	16.3
36	16	Molynx	34½	+½	1.3	4.7	...
272	202	MTL Instr▲	243	...	...	1.9	18.3
165	105	Multitone Elect	111	-3	3.5	3.9	-
219	116	Murray Enter	218	...	1.8	1.1	...
6412½	5225	NYNEX	6175	-37½	...	...	...
188	135	Neotronics	135	...	2.6	2.4	17.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
195	58	Norbain▲	191	...	...	1.0	14.6
75	20	Northamber	59	...	0.6	1.3	...
15½	9	Oceonics	13½	-½	...	...	...
285	195	Oxford Inst	281 †	-1	4.5	2.0	19.3
83	48	P-E Internl	75	...	...	...	...
81½	29	P & P	65 †	...	1.4	2.7	34.5
80	55	Peek	77	...	3.4	5.5	20.1
222	115	Pegasus▲	191	...	...	4.2	48.5
9500	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9500	...	...	6.1	...
1312½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1312½	+12½	...	...	...
254	211	Phonelink▲	248	...	...	...	...
570	343	Pilco	570 †	...	...	1.8	25.6
550	303	-do- 'A' Voting	550 †	...	...	1.9	24.7
96	63	Plasmec▲	78	...	...	6.0	6.6
116	76	Pressac	115	...	2.4	2.6	23.2
139	81	Psion▲	115	-4	...	2.7	30.5
261	160	Racal Elect	246	-9	4.2	2.2	14.6
70	45	Radamec	63	...	...	3.0	13.5
70	31	Radius▲	36	...	2.7	...	12.4
92	61	Real Time▲	77 †	...	...	4.9	-
35	18	Riva▲	24	-2	...	...	30.4
629	374	Siege Gp	374	-6	9.0	3.0	12.0
342	222	Sanderson Elect	340	...	9.0	3.3	14.5
88	49	Scantronic	82	...	3.1	4.8	20.7
158	117	Scholes Grp	158	...	5.0	4.0	31.0
371	270	Sema Gp	366	+2	2.8	1.0	29.7
42	26	Silvermines	40	...	...	...	...
50	37	Soundtracks▲	47	...	...	5.9	15.9
2675	1737½	TDK	2500	+34½	...	1.3	27.8
27	4½	TDS Circuits▲	14	...	...	...	...
180	80	Telemetrix	173	-3	0.8	0.6	28.5
1017	809	THORN EMI	1002	+4	...	4.0	20.5
111	96	Thorpe FW	108	...	2.5	2.9	11.1
103	63	Total Systems▲	64	...	3.0	5.9	11.3
509	372	Tunstall	508	-1	6.0	1.5	20.3
286	164	Unitech	256 †	+2	...	2.7	67.8
11½	6	Verity	6½	...	...	...	...
35	24	Vistec▲	29½	...	...	1.6	16.9
585	367	Vodafone	526	-21½	...	1.2	23.8
473	308	Volex	472 †	...	17.8	4.7	19.4
26	11	Western Selectn	24	...	...	...	...
290	223	Wholesale Ftgs	290	...	11.7	5.2	-

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
534	389	East Midlands	525	-2	...	4.6	9.8
542	399	Eastern Elect	536	-5	...	4.5	10.7
380	304	Hydro-Elect	375 †	-1½	...	3.8	17.6
556	404	London Elect	540	-1	...	4.5	12.0
594	458	Manweb	586	-2	...	4.5	8.5
567½	424½	Midlands Elect	559	-3	...	4.5	10.0
375	273	National Powr	365	-1½	...	3.6	10.9
592	440	Northern Elect	588	+3	...	4.6	8.5
172	100	Nthn Ireland	169	-1	...	4.3	9.7
582	439	Norweb	569	-2	20.0	4.4	8.8
401	273	PowerGen	392	-2	...	3.3	10.4
364	298	Scottish Power	355 †	-3	...	3.9	13.2
606	436	Seeboard	598	-7	...	4.2	9.6
616	469	Sth Wales	603	-2	...	4.6	10.0
566	426	Sth Western	551	-5	...	4.5	8.8
556	406	Southern Elect	551	-1	...	4.4	10.1
573	455	Yorkshire Elect	560	-2	...	4.5	10.7

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	56 †	...	1.0	2.2	11.9
125	47	BWD▲	121	...	...	3.3	18.9
93	26	Baldc Plc	93	...	...	1.3	...

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
550	413	Caledonia	544	-3	...	3.4	20.3
1800	1075	Camellia	1450	...	...	1.0	5.4
311	243	Candover	305	-3	10.2	4.2	21.6
150	71	Flextech▲	145	...	...	0.4	...
328	155	Goven	328 †	+5	...	4.6	10.2
188	125	Ivory Sime	187	...	...	4.3	17.6
6½	3	LIT	3½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	...
240	154	Lon Portaling▲	239	-1	3.4	4.5	12.0
67	47	Marakin	63 †	...	5.0	9.9	-
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	9½	...	...	...	...
52	40	Newmarket	52	...	...	...	...
340	246	Rathbone Brs	340	+5	6.0	2.2	20.5
26	17	Rutland Tst	25	...	...	4.0	14.8
330	253	S & U	296	...	10.0	4.2	11.0
82	48	Singer & Fried	82	...	2.6	4.0	...
975	713	Sothebys	863	-2	...	4.0	...
155	85	SJP Capital	149	-3	3.0	2.5	61.5

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2556½	1487½	Amer Express	2175 †	-3½	...	...	...
1100	835	Henderson Ad	1078	-10	...	4.9	24.8
200	92	Invesco	195	-1	...	1.9	...
230	164	Jardine Strat	227	...	...	3.4	10.5
236	154	MAI	229	+1	6.0	3.3	16.6
684	389	MAM	678	-2	15.0	2.8	16.9
970	633	M & G	966	-2	...	2.8	25.8
342	109	Smith New Crt	332½	-8½	...	2.3	5.0
81	55	Trio Hldgs	79	...	...	4.7	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
536½	456	AB Food	504	-7	14.0	3.5	11.5
77½	53	ASDA Group	64½	-1½	...	3.1	15.0
305	170	Acatos & Hutch	276	-3	6.5	2.9	15.9
76	55	Albert Fisher	71	...	3.7	6.6	11.8
407	287	Argyll	329	-3	...	4.1	12.1
159	117	Assoc Fisheries	157 †	-2	...	6.4	3.2
228	160	Banks (S C)	227	...	9.0	5.0	10.0
402	310	Barr (AG)	335	...	6.5	2.4	16.9
85	57	Bensons Crsps▲	67 †	-1	...	5.3	15.1
141	112½	Berisford Ind	129	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	438	+1	...	6.2	45.1
52	35	Borthwick	47½	...	...	3.2	59.0
505	430	Brake Bros	502	...	6.2	1.5	20.9
51	38	Budgen	48	...	1.0	2.6	-
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	484	-2	...	3.4	18.0
120	78	Carrs Milling	119	...	3.9	4.1	23.8
196	156	Cranswick	193	...	...	5.2	14.4
22	8½	Cullens	16	...	0.5	3.9	46.0
384	150	Dalepak	210 †	...	6.0	3.6	16.5
521	424	Dalgety	513	+5	19.5	4.8	14.9
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
220	191	Devro	219	+4	...	3.1	20.8
134	99	Everest	115	...	...	3.8	15.9
358	269	Farepak	358	...	5.7	2.0	22.0
10	3	Farringford	8½	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	82	-2	...	6.3	27.2
125	78	Fyffes	105	...	...	1.4	19.0
483	328	Geest	379	...	8.1	2.7	17.1
16	7	Global▲	15½	...	...	4.0	24.1
45	43	Grand Central	44	...	1.2	3.6	-
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	184 †	-4	...	6.3	10.7
175	131	Hillsdown	168	-1	...	6.5	13.2
250	205½	Iceland Group	227	...	...	1.8	20.3
131	103	JLI Group	120	...	...	4.8	13.3
853	665	Kwik Save	734	-7	16.0	2.7	14.1
262	174	Low (Wm)	186	...	8.4	5.6	9.0
66	41	Matthews (B)	66	...	2.2	4.3	43.2
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	17½ †	...	1.1	7.9	35.8
174	124	Morrison (W)	142	-3	...	0.7	18.5
568	443	Nichols (JN)	543 †	...	13.6	3.1	15.7
291	242	Nthn Foods	291	+5	...	3.6	14.5
20½	9½	Nthmbrn Fds▲	13	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	210	...	...	3.6	12.0
250	205	Park Foods	242	...	...	3.1	18.7
115	78	Perkins Food	94	+1	...	5.9	10.2
102	47	PizzaExpress	102	...	...	0.6	58.6
9	1½	Regina Hldgs	5½	...	...	...	...
584	436	Sainsbury J	499	-8	...	2.5	17.5
86	33	Sentry Farm▲	78	...	...	2.4	14.0
225	94	Shaws Food	114	-2	...	8.2	22.0
439	367	Tate & Lyle	398	-7	12.0	4.1	11.6
273	195	Tesco	226	-4	...	3.9	10.5
211	123	Thorntons	162	...	3.6	2.8	15.1
193	101	Treats▲	150 †	...	...	3.0	17.1
400	300	Unigate	394	...	...	5.1	12.9
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	390	+5	...	4.9	18.5
26	20	Usborne	25	...	...	2.9	-
337	248	Watson & Phil	288	...	13.3	5.8	15.0

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
22	12	Abrdn Stk H▲	22	...	...	...	...
89½	77	City Centre Rest	88	...	1.5	2.2	21.1
244	170	Forte	244	+8	...	3.8	19.1
220	155	Friendly Hotels	190	...	3.7	3.9	26.2
11½	5	Harmony Leis▲	10	...	...	...	...
135½	87	Jurys Hotel	135½	...	...	5.2	-
222½	154	Ladbroke	210	+8	11.1	6.8	17.5
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	72	...	...	4.6	18.1
59	44	Queens Moat	47½ #	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7¾% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	¼	Regal Hotels▲	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	18	...	...	5.6	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	840	...	7.0	1.0	...
66	34½	Stakis	63	...	...	0.9	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	78	AAF Inds	128	...	...	8.6	7.8
616	455	AAH	541	+7	...	4.0	17.4
177	140	AIM	173	-1	7.5	5.4	-
132	88	APV	104	-2	...	6.5	...
238	81	ASW	226	-1	...	3.3	...
198	124	Adwest	197	...	7.0	4.4	28.0
29	10	Aerospace Eng	22	...	...	4.4	28.3
265	249	Airsprung	265	...	...	2.1	16.9
196	113	Alenda W	155	...	3.8	3.1	42.8
13½	6½	Allied Radio	8½	...	...	...	...
570	415	Alumasc	570	+5	11.0	2.4	17.4
48	17	Alvis	45	...	1.0	2.8	9.3
475	345	Amber Ind	475	...	...	4.9	10.9
45	18	Amberley Gp▲	38 †	...	...	3.3	...
107	78	Anagen	90	...	...	...	...
145	82	Andrews Sykes	110	...	...	5.0	...
945	203	Antofagasta	920	...	...	2.2	17.0
50½	37	Armour	47	-½	1.4	4.0	13.8
170	143	Ash & Lacy	155	...	6.4	5.2	15.9
4	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	0.0	1.7	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	536	...	...	3.8	21.4
250	168	Assoc Nursg▲	249	...	...	0.5	15.3
680	544½	Atlas Equip	680	...	...	4.0	17.1
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	60	...	...	...	...
182	147	BBA	173	...	...	5.5	14.5
65	28	BLP Group▲	55	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	21½	+4½	5.0	...	0.9
720	627	BOC	679	+11	23.2	4.3	14.9
79½	62	BSG	75	...	...	5.3	26.1
487	353	BSS Group	457	...	...	4.7	27.4
409½	318	BTR	394	-3	...	1.4	22.5
221	155	BWI	188	...	6.7	4.5	18.1
50	31	Babcock	41	-2	...	6.4	24.5
9	4½	Bailey (CH)	9	...	...	...	...
289	240	Baird (Wm)	275	...	8.9	4.0	19.1
1062½	550½	Barlow Rand	593½	+6½	...	5.8	3.3
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	60	...	...	3.0	24.6
15	5	Beauford	8½	-½	...	...	...
10	6	Beckenham▲	9	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)▲	22	...	...	...	...
27½	15½	Benson Group	15½	-½	0.3	2.5	-
707	461	Bespak	550	+2	10.0	2.3	-
173	73	Bibby (J)	93	...	9.7	...	5.5
312	129	Billam (J)	257	...	5.0	2.4	13.0
41	21½	Bilston Brass▲	32	...	...	...	...
11½	3½	Binzer Ind	6½	...	...	...	...
176	118½	Birkby	126	-2	3.3	2.5	16.7
45	32	Black Arrow	41 †	-1	2.6	7.9	-
1½	1	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
230	136	Black (Peter)	193	...	2.4	1.9	19.9
358	129	Bluebird Toys▲	342	+9	...	1.6	21.3
322	247	Bodycote	309	...	...	2.0	19.8
40	23	Bogod 'A'	38 #	...	0.7	3.1	10.4
565	416	Boots	485	-5	...	3.5	18.0
61	42	Booth Inds	50	-1	0.7	1.8	...
523	435½	Bowater	494	-21	11.5	2.9	19.3
1682	1287	Bowater Inc	1360 #	-4	...	...	...
271	199	Boxmore Intl▲	271	...	...	1.7	20.3
19	12½	Brasway	14 †	...	0.5	4.6	-
303	204	Brammer	299	-2	13.0	5.4	22.3
33	12	Bridgend Gp	36	...	0.4	1.9	...
123	64	Bridon	123	...	...	4.1	...
98	53	Bridport-Gndry	82	...	4.1	6.3	15.4
48	31	Brierley Inv	47	+1	...	6.8	11.5
308	245	Br Bldg & Eng	248	...	...	1.3	...
59	42	Br Boxdstock▲	59	...	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	516	...	...	2.4	18.5
119	54	Br Steel	112½	-1	...	1.1	...
190	100	Br Syphon	105	...	...	3.6	29.4
18½	11½	Br Thornton	18½	...	...	1.7	-
264	215	Br Vita	262	+2	7.1	3.4	16.1
19½	5½	Britton Grp	19½	...	...	1.5	...
730	595	Broken Hill	706	-17	...	2.8	33.5
109	79	Bromsgrve Ind	108	+2	...	5.1	14.1
10½	6	Brooke Tool	7½	...	...	...	...
70	44	Brown & Tawse	66	...	...	...	...
132	91	Bullough	129	...	6.0	5.9	22.1
23	11½	Burtness Tech▲	16½	+½	...	...	...
23	17	CI Group	23	...	1.0	5.4	22.1
33	11	Camptel & Arm	20	...	...	...	...
34	6½	Cannon St	32	...	...	...	...
251	205	Cape	251	+1	...	5.2	17.0
246	173	Carclo Eng	246	...	8.6	4.4	17.5
2888	2138	Carnaud Md	2589	-62	...	2.5	-
78	68	Cassidy Bros▲	68	...	...	4.4	11.1
206	156	Castings	205	...	4.3	2.7	14.5
160	113	Chamberlin Hill	160	...	6.2	4.9	10.8
730	605	Charter	724	...	...	3.8	17.1
332	220	Chemring	332	...	...	3.2	19.4
92	45	Chelsea Gp▲	52 †	...	...	...	...
39	17	Chillington	34	-4	0.2	0.9	...
204	144	Christies Int	184	...	...	1.0	...
63	34	Clayhithe	62	...	...	5.0	...
95	70	Clayton Son	94	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers▲	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
400	295	Cohen (A)	308	...	6.8	2.8	-
223	179	Community H	195	...	6.5	4.2	12.1
246	188½	Concentric	228	...	...	3.1	19.2
229	130	Cook (Wm)	229 †	...	5.0	2.7	13.9
233	182	Coalson	220	-11	...	3.5	28.7
76	38	Copymore▲	71	...	...	1.8	20.9
238	130	Crown Fir 'A'	172	...	5.7	4.1	14.7
178	92	Coral	110	+1	10.7	...	16.2
234	150	Creighton Nla	186	...	...	4.9	18.1
48	27	CrestaCare	44	...	0.5	1.4	38.1
3737½	2992½	Dana	3625 †	-54½	...	...	...
236	78½	Danka Bs Sys	225	...	...	0.6	21.4
243	193	David Brown	234	...	...	3.2	16.6
18	5	Davies (DY)▲	18	...	...	...	...
712	632	De La Rue	696	-5	...	3.1	18.5
26	16	Dinkie Heel	25	...	0.9	4.8	19.9
552	391	Diploma	550	-1	9.7	2.2	28.6
79	50	Dobson Park	78	...	5.7	...	14.8
116	92	Dyson (J&J)	114	-2	5.0	3.5	-
80	57	-do- 'A'	74	-3	5.0	8.4	-
16½	8	EFG	12½	...	...	...	...
440	367	EIS	437	...	...	3.9	17.3
28	19	Elbief	23	...	...	...	...
43	19	Eleco	25	...	3.3	...	14.7
2350	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2075	-62½	...	2.7	...
66	45	Elliott (B)	66	...	...	...	...
475	394	Eng China Cl	463	-3	...	5.4	25.5
130	113	Environmed	113	...	...	...	48.5
3237½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3015½	-22½	...	1.0	...
53	32	Eurocopy	48	+1	1.6	...	18.6
87	47	Expamet	80	+1	...	5.1	1.9
717	499	Fairey Group	712	-2	10.2	1.8	21.9
95	53	Fenner	93	...	4.2	...	15.7
66	32	Ferraris Group	56	...	...	2.2	13.1
1½	¼	Ferrometal▲	1½	...	...	...	...
29	21	Ferrum	22	...	2.5	14.2	15.4
60	28	Fife Indmar	58	...	0.5	1.1	...
251	147	Fisons	179	...	...	6.1	20.7
53	29	Fitzwilton	53	...	...	8.7	...
288	215	Flogas	288	...	...	3.2	13.0
43	38	Folkes Group nv	39	+1	1.3	4.8	22.1
83	55	French (Thomas)	83	+3	3.6	3.5	41.6
240	166½	Frost Group	228	...	4.0	2.2	9.6
88	71	GEI Int	83	...	...	7.4	...
513	434	GKN	495	+3	...	5.3	32.5
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
98	79	Garton Eng	97	...	4.0	5.2	...
160	103	Gestetner	144	...	8.2	7.1	6.3
42	23	Glerns	33	+1	...	...	23.9
801	509	Glaxo	686	+22	17.0	3.3	17.5
38	16	Glenchewton	30	+1	...	...	...
318	245	Glynwed	312	-3	11.6	4.7	20.0
126	66	Goode Durrant	125 †	...	...	5.4	...
145	102	Grampian Hl	144	...	5.5	4.8	25.0
456	341	Granada	433	+1	7.7	2.2	23.1
407	301	Great Ubrn▲	392	...	...	3.5	16.1
96	78	Green (Ernst)▲	88	...	...	9.9	12.2
15½	8½	Greenacre▲	15	...	...	2.3	14.8
17	8	Guardian Grp▲	10½	...	...	...	...
61½	30½	Baden Macln	59	+1	...	4.3	20.9
83	44	Hadleigh Inds▲	76 †	...	...	0.8	...
235	115	Hall Eng	234	+5	8.6	4.6	19.5
229	161	Halma	226	-1	...	1.1	30.4
49	30	Hampson Ind	39	...	1.6	5.1	12.9
265½	222	Hanson	253	-4½	...	5.7	12.7
221	187	Harris (Philip)	208	...	...	4.2	12.5
198	147	Harrison Crsfd	187	...	9.0	6.1	26.5
68	38	Havelock Euro	68	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	48	...	...	...	...
38	17	Headway	27	...	0.7	3.2	14.2
13½	5	Healthcare	5	...	...	20.0	1.4
395	301	Hepworth	380	-1	14.8	4.9	16.4
228	160	Hewitt (J)	208	...	3.0	1.8	16.3
38	15	High-Point	38	...	1.3	...	...
161	112½	Hill & Smith	160	...	...	4.4	22.3
18½	6½	Hobsons▲	10	...	...	...	48.1
159	87	Holders Tech▲	159 †	...	...	4.7	20.8
52	30	Hopkinsons	51	-1	1.3	3.2	21.1
187	133	Hornby▲	155	...	...	7.3	14.6
88	54½	Howden	86	-1	2.2	3.3	15.6
260	173	Hunting	243	...	...	5.1	20.5
509	269½	Huntleigh Tech	500	...	...	2.5	12.8
312	247	IMI	297	-1	...	4.2	25.4
112	90	ISA Intl	104	...	1.5	1.8	16.2
205	144	Intercare Gp▲	147	...	...	2.2	15.5
255	235	Isoma	250	...	3.9	2.0	16.0
543	360	Jardine Math	530	-6	...	2.4	18.9
537	425	Johnson Math	473	+1	...	2.7	20.7
64	36½	Johnson & FB	45	...	3.0	8.3	13.9
177	104	Johnston	163	...	3.2	2.5	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	27	...	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	32	...	0.7	3.0	...
77½	26	Kalamazoo	77	-½	2.1	3.4	17.9
178	73	Kalon	161	-1	...	2.5	22.2
297	253	Kelsey Ind	260	...	13.0	...	...
545	465	Kenham (A)	535	...	27.0	6.3	27.8
235	75	Kleeneze	193	...	...	...	...
151	61	LOW▲	148	...	3.0	2.6	12.1
351	266	Laird	335	...	...	3.9	16.5
157½	103	Lilleshall	151 †	-4	...	3.5	19.9
163	97	Linrcat▲	163	...	...	3.9	14.1
19	4½	Lincoln Hse▲	19	...	...	...	15.6
128	76	Linread	121	...	3.7	3.9	18.7
240	170	Linton Park	230	-10	...	7.7	8.2
15½	10½	Lionheart	12½	...	0.2	2.0	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	21	...	1.0	6.0	30.5
274	173	Lon Intl	228	...	9.4	5.2	17.4
135	70	Lonrho	126	-2	...	4.0	...
386	269	Low & Bonar	386 †	+3	...	2.9	54.1
344	265	MB-Caradon	336	+1	...	3.4	25.8
171	135	-do- pf	164½	+1	7.2	5.5	...
38	14½	ML Hldgs	37	...	...	...	...
42	27	MS Intl	42	+1	...	7.4	43.3
50	39	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	13.7
216	168	Macfarlane	216	...	...	1.9	24.3
460	379	McKechnie	451	-2	14.7	4.1	22.4
106	85	McLeod Russel	101	...	6.0	7.4	12.5
10½	3½	Madison	4	...	...	...	21.8
101	63	Magnolia	100	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
106	71	Mang Bronze	103	+1	1.0	1.2	...
26½	19½	Marling	23½	...	...	3.5	...
192	124	Mayborn▲	185	-1	...	3.4	15.3
57	29	Mayflower	57	...	...	2.8	47.2
236	85	Medeva	116	+3	...	2.4	9.3
117	88	Meggitt	117	+1	...	4.0	19.9
125	98	Metair	124	+2	...	3.7	20.1
150	126	Metrotect	147	...	...	2.8	20.4
85	70	Metsec▲	85	...	...	...	...
83	29	Midsnmes	74	...	...	1.3	10.3
25	14	Mining & Ald	23½	...	0.5	2.7	...
510	388	Molins	589	...	...	3.4	13.2
345	262	Morgan Cble	335	-1	...	4.7	17.9
184	134	Morris Ashby▲	175	...	...	3.9	13.3
33	18	Neepsend	22 †	-1	0.7	2.9	42.9
73	34	Nestor-BNA	70	-1	3.1	5.6	16.7
191	122	Nobo Gp	169	...	4.8	3.2	18.5
173	122½	Norcros	169	...	...	5.2	24.7
51	35	Novo Group	49½	-1½	...	3.6	14.6
413	310	No-Swift	333	...	...	...	-
57	36	Office Elec Mac	57	...	0.1	0.2	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	31½	-½	...	6.9	...
140	123	PCT▲	129	+1	...	7.2	14.4
48	36	Pacer Systems▲	46	...	...	8.2	...
138	101	Pentland	105	...	...	3.0	14.1
395	310	Photo-Me	303	...	4.4	1.4	20.0
103	97½	Pilkington	163	+7	...	3.1	...
85	68	Plantsbrook	85	+1	3.0	4.5	13.2
154	125	Polypipe	139	...	1.9	1.8	20.1
42	19	Porter Chadbrn	32	-1	...	4.9	14.7
11½	5½	Porth Gp▲	9	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	354	-1	...	2.3	18.4
20	16½	Prospect Inds	17½	...	0.7	5.4	8.6
54	37½	RPS Group▲	52	...	2.2	5.4	11.3
95	73	Radiant Metal	80	...	...	...	...
185	77	Ransom Oil▲	124	-4	...	1.0	41.5
801	636	Rank Org	763	-22	31.0	5.1	20.9
33	17	Ransomes	17	...	...	...	...
657	532	Reckitt Colm	630	+8	...	3.2	22.6
77	50	Record	72	...	3.6	6.3	35.4
7½	2½	Reece	5½	...	...	...	...
245	131	Relyon	241 †	-1	4.9	2.5	28.9
303	208	Renishaw	284	-1	6.5	3.1	20.2
98	55	Renold	90	...	...	1.4	...
1573	1240	Reuters	1519	-8	21.2	1.7	25.1
57	24½	Rexmore	53 †	-4	1.7	4.1	...
155	91	Ricardo Group	155	...	5.7	4.6	43.6
69	58	Richard (Leics)	69	...	4.4	8.0	...
98	63	Richardson West	88	...	3.0	4.3	22.3
131	109	Ropner	131	+2	8.2	7.9	18.6
129	97	-do- 'A'	120	+2	8.2	8.0	18.3
38	24	Ross Gp	28	...	0.6	2.9	11.4
184	131½	Rotork	183	...	...	2.6	21.2
160	89	Rubicon	160	...	...	1.3	-
65	43	Russell (A)	62	...	...	2.0	...
29	15	SEP Indl	28 †	...	...	...	...
1012½	685	SKF 'B'	837½	-37½	...	...	...
57	39	Saville Grdn (J)	52	...	2.2	5.5	-
248	205	Scapa	225	-2	...	3.1	17.1
238	192	Schroh	223	...	...	3.5	16.2
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5½	...	...	...	...
1080	917	Securicor	1023	...	2.6	0.3	41.0
765	562	-do- 'A'	749	-1	2.6	0.4	28.5
650	465	Security Serv	634	+1	5.0	1.0	31.4
120½	77	Senior Eng	120½	+1	...	3.3	19.9
361	286	Seton Health	309	-1	...	2.3	18.2
68	42	Sheldon Jones▲	64	...	...	...	...
133	88	Shiloh	125	...	2.9	2.9	13.5
344	221	Sidlaw	325	-2	...	3.5	20.8
561	427	Siebe	514	-5	...	2.4	19.0
371	220	Silentnight	371	+1	...	2.7	21.8
127	102	Sime Darby	127	+4	...	3.5	14.6
142	32	Simon Eng	61	+3½	...	...	...
259	194	Sinclair (Wm)	203	...	7.0	4.3	13.1
47	36	Six Hundred	38	...	...	5.8	...
164	139½	Smith & Neph	154½	+5½	...	3.8	17.0
513	389	Smithkline	457 †	+20	8.6	2.4	16.5
450	340	Smithkline Uts	404 †	+18	...	3.3	14.6
394	320	Smiths Ind	387	+5	11.2	3.6	15.8
140	58	Sthn Bus	69	...	3.3	6.1	6.5
430	265	Spandex▲	430	+2	...	1.9	19.1
660	300	Spear (JW)	525	...	4.0	3.4	9.7
374	314	Spirax-Sarco	371	...	...	3.1	23.5
145	44	Spring Ram	68½	-3½	...	0.6	18.6
290	222	Staveley	289	...	...	4.1	14.6
162	126	Sterling Ind	161	...	...	4.3	26.7
26	11	Stonehill	22	...	...	...	...
187	97	Suter	179	+4	8.8	6.1	18.7
361	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	337	...	...	2.7	-
7	4	Sycamore	4	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	63	-½	...	...	...
275	240	Sytrone	275	...	...	7.9	12.1
374	279	TI	353 †	-7	...	4.5	18.3
28	12	TLS Range▲	26	...	...	1.2	...
280	211	TT Group	280	+2	...	2.9	17.2
249	230	Takare	244	+1	1.8	0.9	20.2
868	618	Takeda Chem	832	+8	...	0.5	22.1
66	24	Tex Hldgs	61	...	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)▲	94	...	...	7.2	-
228	150	Tinsea▲	228	+3	...	2.0	19.8
271	212½	Tomkins	259	...	...	3.3	17.6
112	67	Trafalgar H	107	...	...	3.8	-7.8
579	346	Transfer Tech	485	...	16.0	4.1	12.2
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	173	-1	...	3.1	20.6
244	214	UniChem	244	+1	5.6	2.9	18.0
375	279½	Unidare	375	...	...	5.2	12.2
76	1½	Unigroup	39	-1	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1091	-1	21.3	2.4	14.8
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7259	+34½	...	2.6	12.2
915	513	VSEL	888	-10	...	4.2	9.4
9½	6½	Verson	8½	...	...	...	...
164	95½	Vickers	160	+5½	...	1.2	...
387	243	Victaulic	310	...	...	3.2	15.2
440	283	Vinten	440	+2	...	2.0	20.5
662	427	Vosper Thorny	662	+2	...	3.0	16.0
46	41	WSP Hldgs	41	...	...	8.8	10.7
468	368	Wagon Ind	420 †	...	...	5.2	18.5
94	71	Walker Greenbk	93	...	3.1	4.2	23.7
258	201	Wassall	240	-4	2.5	1.3	24.2
42	22	Wilford Wood	41	...	...	...	...
384	291	Weir	308	...	...	2.4	17.3
993	600	Wellcome	755	+26	13.0	2.2	20.9
23½	19	Wellman	20	...	0.9	5.6	32.6
343	260	West Hthcare	326 †	-3	...	1.4	-
510	460	Wharman	498	...	9.5	2.4	16.9
353	267	Whessoe	284	...	...	3.5	11.0
65	27	Whitecroft	61	...	...	...	...
8½	4½	Widney	8	...	...	...	...
125	44	Wilkes (James)	125	+5	3.5	...	36.1
365	289½	Williams Hldg	341	-5	12.5	4.6	17.8
36½	17	Wilshaw	35½	...	...	1.8	22.4
661	533	Wolseley	641	-2	12.5	2.4	22.2
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.3
46	35	Wyko	40 †	...	...	3.1	...
59	38	Young (H)	56	...	3.0	6.7	20.5

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1618½	-43½	...	4.1	...
2406½	1787½	Am Gen	2405½	+18½	...	3.1	...
50	30	Archer (AJ)	50	...	4.4	...	24.3
148	118	Bradstock	142 †	...	5.1	4.5	17.5
498	359½	Britannic	478	+8	...	3.0	...
667	556	Com Union	583 †	-10	...	5.1	...
1570	1225	Dom & Gen	1555	...	...	1.4	25.7
39	18	FAI	37	-2	...	...	...
699	546	Gen Accident	657	-16	26.7	5.2	...
224	160	GRE	230	-7	7.0	4.2	17.2
411	283	Heath C E	405	-1	...	4.9	...
228	168	Hogg Gp	225	...	8.1	4.5	20.4
218	166	JIB Group	192	...	7.5	4.9	19.4
513	408½	Legal & Gen	471	-9	...	5.1	28.6
1092	768	Liberty Life	937	-11	...	3.1	16.0
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	420	-2	17.3	5.0	15.4
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	330	-10	3.6	2.3	22.5
368	274	Londn & Man	343	...	14.2	5.2	28.3
443	321	Lowndes Lmb	434 †	-7	13.5	3.9	15.6
6743½	5600	Marsh McLn	6012½	-50	...	3.0	...
99	76	Oriel	99	...	...	6.3	...
72	50½	PWS	71	...	4.0	7.0	10.3
349	282½	Prudential	338	-2	...	4.4	22.4
1138	800	Refuge	1028	+13	31.5	3.8	28.5
347	248	Royal	309	-2	...	2.7	...
204	190	Sedgwick	187	-1	...	4.1	22.7
261	205	Steel Burrill	248	-1	...	6.7	14.7
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	85	...	8.2	...	8.6
399	307	Sun Alliance	367	-20	14.2	4.9	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	52	-1	...	...	...
332	239	Transatlantic	332 †	...	12.0	4.5	30.8
773	499	Utd Friendly	688	+30	14.5	2.6	30.0
242	171	Willis Corroon	230	+1	...	3.6	49.1
20	13½	Windsor	19	...	...	...	14.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1820	1548	Alliance	1786	-5	45.0	3.2	38.5
264	226½	Amer Trust	247	-½	4.9	2.5	50.9
404	304	Ang & O'seas	397 †	-1	6.8	2.2	50.4
146½	124	BZW Conv	144	-½	7.8	6.8	16.8
186	133½	Bankers	178	...	3.4	2.4	48.9
317	264	Baring Tribne	313	-1	6.4	2.6	48.5
189	131	Berry Starq	189	+1	2.2	1.5	61.4
110	96½	Br Assets	106½	...	...	5.1	25.8
82	57½	Br Empire Sec	79½	...	0.8	1.4	...
29	14	-do- Wnts	27	-1	...	...	...
198	156	Br Inv	192	-4	4.5	2.9	43.3
191	130	Contl Amer	190	...	2.4	1.6	63.2
195	143	Derby Inc	150	-1	...	11.9	9.0
280	195	-do- Cap	258	-5	...	...	...
79	62	Drayton Blue	78	...	8.4	13.5	8.7
82	35	-do- Eng Intl	82	...	1.2	1.8	...
133	84	-do- Far East	126	-2	0.6	0.6	...
122	95	-do- Korea	109	...	0.5	0.6	...
665	576	Dunedin Inc G	662	...	25.4	4.9	30.1
100	94	-do- Japan	98½	...	...	...	...
55	38	-do- Warrants	53	...	...	...	...
696	513	-do- Wwde	693	-2	9.5	1.7	71.4
292	222	Dundee & Lon	280	-1	...	1.9	26.8
300	250½	Edinburgh	290½	-1½	8.4	3.5	32.4
287	183	Electra Inv	287	...	8.7	3.0	38.5
190	141	Electric Gen	189 †	...	3.1	2.1	54.9
113	85	English Scot	113	...	...	...	...
300	205	European Asset	297	...	...	2.4	38.6
125	77	Finsbury 'A'	124	...	...	3.0	39.9
291	248	Fleming Amer	281	+½	0.7	0.3	...
239	190½	-do- Claver	230	-2	...	3.8	41.4
318	212	Do Contl	313	...	2.7	1.1	...
202	147	-do- Entp	200 †	-1	4.7	2.9	-
334	213	-do- F East	316	-2	1.1	0.4	...
326	246	-do- Fledg	325	...	3.0	1.2	...
118	93	-do- Hi Inc	102	-1	...	5.4	12.4
260	136	-do- Japan	259	...	0.3	0.2	...
289	230	-do- Merc	280	-2	8.7	3.0	60.2
292	212	-do- Oseas	285	-3	4.0	1.8	68.8
258	203	Foreign & Col	240½	-2½	...	1.7	69.1
214	164	-do- Eurotst	213	...	1.2	0.7	...
125	87	-do- German	124	-1	0.5	0.5	...
349	191	-do- Pacific	298	...	1.9	0.8	...
162½	116	-do- Smaller	162	-½	1.8	1.4	...
272	145	GT Japan	266	-1	...	0.6	...
150	65	Genl Cons Cap	147	-1	...	...	...
129½	80	-do- Inc	113 †	...	...	9.3	11.7
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	137	...	...	...	...
316	184	-do- Oriental	301	-1	0.9	0.4	...
282	207	-do- Strategy	277	-1	...	3.0	38.2
400	340	Greenfriar	400	...	...	2.0	60.1
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	19.2
55½	47	Independent Inv	55	...	0.6	1.4	-
143	124	Inv Cap	140½	-½	5.1	4.5	28.2
97	77	Ibs UK Smllr	96	...	2.8	3.6	28.8
209	150½	Kleinwort Chrt	203½	-2½	5.0	3.1	39.4
239	178	-do- O'seas	227½	-3½	3.3	1.8	64.0
128	108	-do- Smlr	128	...	4.0	3.9	31.0
680	540	Law Debenture	664 †	-1	18.2	3.4	33.2
196	161	Majedie	195	...	...	3.0	32.7
277	221	Merchants	266	...	10.6	5.0	24.5
6525	3700	Merrill Lynch	6337½	-187½	...	...	...
490	383	Monks Inv Tst	485½	-1½	...	1.7	65.5
133	105	Morg Gren Inc	132	...	...	4.4	26.2
48	23	Do Warrants	40	...	...	...	...
56	39	Murray Euro	53	-1	0.1	0.4	...
21	4½	Do Wts	18½	-½	...	...	...
344	282	Murray Income	340	...	10.9	4.1	-
340	285	-do- Intl	331	-1	11.6	4.6	29.5
382	263	-do- Small	376	-1	...	1.4	...
105	93	-do- S/C Inc	97	...	...	14.2	9.3
135	73	-do- S/C Cap	130	-1	...	...	...
3030	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2920	...	...	4.5	...
154½	142½	-do- S/C DP	154	...	...	...	...
315	239	-do- Vent	310	-1	...	4.3	24.5
91	56½	New Frontier	89	-1	0.2	0.4	...
87	68	Nrthrg Inc	87	...	8.7	9.7	14.3
336	249	O'seas Inv Tst	326	-2	2.8	1.1	...
411	285	Pacific Assets	391	-1	1.1	0.4	...
314	187	Do Warrants	295	...	...	...	...
8300	7650	Personal Assets	8275	...	...	2.4	49.4
158	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	152	-1	1.1	0.9	...
136	108	River & Merc	127 †	...	9.2	9.4	12.2
419	350	Robeco	418	...	...	3.0	...
423	348	Rolinco	418	...	...	1.8	...
279	214	St Andrew Inv	275 †	...	7.5	3.4	37.0
159½	131	Scot American	155½	...	...	3.6	32.5
220	136	Scot Asian	220	...	...	...	...
505	225	do Warrants	500	-3	...	...	...
81½	63½	-do- Eastern	78½	-1	1.5	2.4	51.2
222	183	Scottish	219½	-1½	4.8	2.7	44.7
225	178	-do- Mtge	217	-1	4.0	2.3	56.3
95	71	-do- Value	94½	-½	...	2.4	62.5
1592	1390	Second Alliance	1570	-5	36.5	2.9	42.2
91	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	85½	-2	1.2	1.8	...
157	105½	Selective Asset	155	-1	1.2	1.0	55.7
35	14	Sphere Inv	33½	-½	3.1	11.9	10.5
164	112	TR Far East	153 ‡	...	4.5	3.7	33.6
154	126	TR City Of Lon	150	-½	4.8	4.0	-
168	110	TR Pacific	156	-1	0.1	0.3	...
32	17	TR Property	30	...	0.9	3.6	31.5
101	47	TR Tech Inv	99	-1	1.7	2.2	38.7
198	146	TR Smlr Cos	192	-2	...	2.5	44.4
348	283	Temple Bar	335 †	-1	13.2	5.0	28.1
97	69	Thrgtn Aslan E	93	...	0.5	0.7	...
78½	54	Throgmorton	76	...	2.3	3.8	31.0
550	363	Thrng Dual Cp	533	-7	...	...	...
231	178	USDC Invest	228	-1	4.5	2.5	41.9
112	76½	Value Inc Tst	106	-½	3.6	4.2	26.7
674½	542	Whitbread Inv	672½	-½	16.5	3.1	40.5
286	181	Witan	272½	-½	5.6	3.3	37.2

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
415	260	Airtours	408	-3	7.2	2.2	14.5
64	42	Ald Leis	57	-2	4.7	...	16.3
357	194	Anglia TV	337	...	...	4.4	15.6
103	63	Baldwin	75 †	...	3.0	5.0	10.2
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	222	...	10.0	5.6	14.3
1245	930	Boosey Hwks	1245	...	22.8	2.2	18.7
153	90	Border TV▲	136	...	...	3.1	-
10½	4½	Brent Walker	6½	...	...	...	...
58	48	Bristol Scottn	53	...	...	...	...
8	2	Buckingham Int	3	...	...	...	...
282	110	Campari	140	...	...	10.7	...
230	177	Capital Radio	226	-3	5.2	3.0	25.0
848	718	Carlton Comm	785	-9	17.0	2.7	23.1
208	158	Castle Comm▲	186	...	...	5.2	17.0
2080	1615	Central TV	2005	+13	38.0	2.4	21.8
124	61	Chrysalis	116	-37	...	...	...
599	470	Compass Gp	591	+1	...	2.8	17.4
350	175	Eurocamp	216	...	9.7	5.6	8.9
1180	610	Euro Disney	683	+10	...	1.6	...
8	2½	Euro Leisure	5½	...	...	...	...
36	18	Ex-Lands	28½	-1½	...	...	...
370	245	Fairline Boats	270	...	10.5	4.9	...
378	300½	First Leisure	294	...	6.1	2.6	20.2
305	298	GWR Gp▲	305	...	...	1.7	27.0
239	149	Grampian	239	+1	6.1	3.2	16.6
15	4½	Greenwich Comm	14	...	...	...	...
67	19	HTV Group	59	-1	...	...	26.2
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	55	...	...	4.5	...
12½	9½	Kunick	10½	...	...	...	...
478	405	LWT Hldgs	478	...	...	1.3	22.1
517	327	Man Utd	517	+20	18.0	4.4	17.8
148	59	Owners Abrd	82	...	3.5	5.1	6.9
73	33	The Pelican Gp	73	...	...	1.9	-
160	55	Prism Leisure	136	...	...	3.0	12.6
30	16	Quadrant Grp	30	...	...	...	...
330	274	Radio Clyde	319	...	...	3.3	25.0
200	132	Ramsdens (H)	194	...	...	2.8	25.7
353	283	Scot TV	330	...	9.9	2.4	25.6
60	37	Southern Radio	58	...	0.7	2.0	20.8
260	168	Stanley Leisure	251	...	4.3	2.2	18.8
10	5	Strategy▲	9½	...	...	...	...
145	118	Sunset & Vine	123	...	3.5	3.6	14.4
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	-½	...	0.4	-
3	2½	Telesing▲	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	104	+9	...	...	2.4
78	44	Trans Wrldn	57	...	...	1.8	20.8
480	274	Ulster TV	487	...	10.0	2.6	14.9
101	62	Vardon	95	+2	0.7	1.0	22.4
22	15	Wembley	18	...	0.2	1.4	...
40	7½	Whitegate	36	-6	...	...	...
221	110	Yorkshire TV	221	...	12.0	6.8	6.7
120	83	Zetters Gp	113 †	...	8.0	8.8	-

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5700	3800	Am Gold	4575	-171½	...	4.8	21.0
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1400	-6½	...	6.6	7.0
2300	1125	Ang Am	1962½	-89½	...	3.8	16.2
30½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	29½	-½	...	...	...
133	33	Blyvoors	112	-4	...	5.5	6.2
46	18	Bracken	32	...	...	...	1.7
871	233	Buffels	642	-26	...	10.2	-
2½	1	Butte	2	...	...	...	...
720	546	CRA	706	-14	...	2.9	22.8
43½	11	Cluff Res	29	-1	...	...	...
1312½	762½	De Beers	1218½	-15½	...	4.1	15.8
165	37½	Deelkraal	123	...	...	1.6	-
96	7	Doornfontein	43	-3	...	...	...
913	208	Driefontein	671	-18	...	4.6	-
709	120	Durban	450	-15	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	125	...	...	...	...
270	54	E Rand Prop	208	-8	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	341	-6	...	3.6	1.9
899	292	FS Cons	704	-27	...	7.5	8.4
80	8	FS Dev	46	-2	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1150	-37	...	3.5	-
180	125	Gencor	148	-5	...	6.7	11.5
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	62½	-1	...	2.9	11.6
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	14½	...	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	103	...	...	10.2	6.0
380	78	Harmony	287	-5	...	...	...
425	87	Hartles	277	-12	...	7.1	-
16	8½	Imtex	14	...	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	743	-14	...	3.8	26.2
13½	6	Kenmare Res	9½	...	...	...	...
1080	332	Kinross	883	+3	...	5.7	9.7
913	319	Kloof	608	-25	...	3.7	-
137	25	Leslie	95	-3	...	4.4	9.5
239	13	Loraine	160	-4	...	...	...
840	820	Lydenburg	780	...	...	2.6	-
116½	81½	MIM	98½	-1	...	2.3	44.9
1265	830	Minorco	1184	...	...	1.3	13.2
141	91	Nth Brkn Hill	138	-3	...	3.6	21.3
2287½	612½	Orange Free	1800	-71½	...	7.3	13.7
746	607	RTZ	741	+1	...	3.5	27.9
657½	425	Rand Mines	618½	...	...	9.5	2.8
671	150	Randfontein	521	-6	...	5.7	-
192	115	Renison	188	-5	...	2.7	16.3
1200	850	Rustnbrg	1000	-34½	...	3.3	-
595	191	St Helena	533	+2	...	4.6	10.7
1895	475	Southvaal	1709	-26	...	3.4	29.5
109	18	Stilfontein	90	+4	...	7.0	15.6
201	58	Unisel	125	+10	...	2.5	12.1
6075	1800	Vaal Reefs	4900	-112½	...	4.5	8.4
582	154	Welkom	471	-15	...	7.2	13.9
351	26	Western Areas	276	-16	...	2.6	-
2512½	587½	Western Deep	2150	-75	...	3.8	9.8
283	176	Wnrn Mining	247	-1	...	...	...
1029	323	Winkels	842	-5	...	1.2	8.9
84	50	Zambia Copper	66	-1	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	50	...	...	6.2	-

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	233	...	3.0	2.8	13.0
135	95	Airflow Stream	135	...	...	3.8	-
160	82	Applegard	155	-3	5.2	4.2	...
306	203	Bletchley Mtr	306	+1	...	3.6	15.6
140	120	Bostrom	160	...	6.0	4.8	27.9
468	165	Br Aerospace	431	-5	7.0	2.0	...
52	19½	Brundene	46	-1	...	3.2	12.2
388	303	Caffyns	388	...	11.5	3.7	78.5
12½	9½	Coverdale	12½	+½	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtrs	135 †	...	...	3.7	34.3
29	18	Cook (DC)▲	25 †	-1	...	3.8	-
267	156	Cowie (T)	253 †	+7½	6.2	3.1	19.3
133	86	Dag Mttns	132	...	5.7	5.4	23.9
155	102½	Dwnpt Vern	155	...	...	1.3	19.6
300	155	ERF	298	...	2.0	0.8	...
131	92	European Mtr	131	+1	...	3.3	18.4
396	208	Evans Halshaw	395	...	11.8	3.6	60.3
290	226	FR Group	278	-2	...	3.2	13.0
3650	2843½	Ford Motor	3469½	+80	...	...	...
3312½	2143½	General Mtr	3087½	-50	...	1.6	...
75	38	Gowrings	75	...	2.0	3.3	...
240	85	Henlys	240	+7	3.0	1.6	...
941	650	Honda Motor	941	+8	...	0.6	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	26	...	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	100	-1	4.5	5.6	...
166	97	Kwik-Fit	165	-1	...	2.5	29.5
418	281	Lex Service	408 †	+1	...	3.2	22.3
159	85	Lookers	158 †	...	6.2	4.9	...
164	126	Lucas	163	+4	7.0	5.4	...
27	21	Malaya Grp	26	...	...	...	...
276	224½	Pendragon	276	...	...	3.0	22.3
195	106	Perry Gp	195	-3	6.0	5.8	...
185	108	Quicks Group	185	...	...	3.1	23.4
164	99	Rolls-Royce	152½	-11	...	4.2	...
223	164	T & N	208½	...	...	6.5	33.4
238	163	Trinity Hldgs	207	...	...	3.4	-
164	125	Wadly (Reg)	164	+1	...	3.2	22.6
246	121	Westland	239	+1	4.2	2.2	21.1

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
168	103	Adscene	168	+2	4.0	3.0	17.9
350	315	Black (A&C)	348	...	13.5	4.8	14.3
608	423	Blenheim Gp	445	...	...	2.5	16.6
390	275	Bristol	385	...	...	4.3	31.1
£102	7775	Daily Mail	£100½	-50	13.0	1.6	22.6
£101½	7200	Daily Mail 'A'	£100½	-25	13.0	1.6	22.6
305	251	Dorling Kind	296	...	...	1.3	28.3
373	322	EMAP	359	-3	...	2.8	22.1
1115	873	Euromoney Pb	1078	...	26.5	3.4	26.3
237	170	Harrington K	234	...	4.5	2.4	19.1
418	233	Haynes Pub	418	...	6.0	1.8	18.0
360	343	Hodder H'line	360	+2	8.0	1.6	80.6
140	99	Home Counts	139	...	6.0	5.4	...
140	30	Intl Bus Comm	133	...	...	...	19.2
6½	...	Int Cn & Daln▲	...	...	...	...	...
395	240	Independent	395	...	...	3.0	19.2
578	395	Johnston Press	578	...	6.2	1.4	24.9
318	243	Metal Bulletin	318 †	...	8.0	3.1	22.3
183	88	Mirror Gp	182	...	...	...	...
467	297	News Corp	432	-15	...	0.3	-
271	169	News Intl	269	...	1.3	0.6	-
513	354	Pearson	513	+4	...	2.9	31.3
675	510	Portsmth Sund	626	...	...	1.8	17.3
736	618	Reed Int	724	-7	...	3.0	31.3
148	98	Southnews	148	...	...	1.8	27.4
171	90	Stirling Pub▲	170	...	...	2.2	18.5
423	328	Telegraph	409	-14	...	1.4	48.9
835	715	Thomson Corp	773	...	...	2.1	35.7
386	313	Trinity Intl	386	...	8.7	2.8	23.1
39	27	Unit Groupe	27	...	...	...	...
595½	480½	Utd Nwspaprs	580	-4	...	4.6	17.1

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	32	+1	...	...	31.2
61	37	Arcon Intl▲	41	-2	...	...	...
71	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	69	-1	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	66	+2	...	...	...
14½	9	Beverley	11½	...	...	...	...
205	145	Br Borneo	200	...	9.1	4.5	6.0
359½	276	British Gas	338	+½	14.2	5.3	16.1
336	225	Br Petroleum	333 †	+1	8.4	3.4	24.8
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
821	675	Burmah Castl	812	+15	...	4.0	18.6
85	32	Cairn Energy	60	...	...	...	8.8
280	221	Calor-Gp	276	...	...	3.4	23.0
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	57	+1	...	...	...
44	27	Copley Res	42	+1	...	...	...
27½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	18½	-½	...	...	...
523	397	Enterprise	480	+7	16.0	4.1	60.4
58	33	Exp Co Louis	39	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Falmouth Ind	29½	...	...	2.3	9.1
67	45	Goal Pet	58	+1	1.4	3.0	11.1
44	16	Gt Western Res	44	...	...	...	...
175	104½	Hardy O & G	170	+1	...	0.7	15.8
46	18½	Intr Energy	42	...	...	...	...
195	130	LASMO	145	-2	3.3	2.8	29.6
103	63	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	15.0	...
24	10	Mid Scot Res▲	11	...	...	...	...
51½	34	Monument	51½	+2½	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	9½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	27	...	1.0	4.6	9.3
36	27	Oil Search	33	-1	...	...	...
17	11½	Pentex	17	+1	...	...	...
137	99	Pict Pet	136	...	...	...	18.9
39½	18	Premier	24½	+½	...	...	9.1
115	80	Presidio	115	...	...	3.3	...
393	280	Ranger	325	...	...	4.9	...
8712½	5158	Royal Dtch Pt	8712½	+9½	...	4.5	16.8
4600	3600	Schlumberger	4450	...	...	1.8	...
67	52	Seafield	53	...	...	...	...
662	515	Shell	658	-2	23.9	4.1	20.5
283	177	Sovereign Eng Sv	179	...	...	...	...
41	15	Triton Europe	26	...	...	...	...
12½	6	Viking Grp	10½	...	...	...	...
172	141	Woodside	153	-1	...	2.4	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
133	120	AG Holdings	133	...	...	4.9	12.0
330	249	API	323	...	7.5	2.9	28.1
230	144	Arjo Wiggins	206	-3	...	3.9	20.2
535	408	Abbott Mead	534	...	9.3	2.2	27.7
1½	¾	Acab Group	1¼	...	...	...	...
40	13	Anglo Gp	36	-1	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comm▲	135	...	...	4.6	12.1
12	7	BBB Design▲	12	...	...	...	...
407	234½	Bemrose	407	...	...	3.6	16.1
33	12	Birkdale	15½	+1	0.2	1.6	13.1
140	118	Bunzl	142	-1	4.0	3.5	21.4
304	257	CIA Gp	304 †	...	...	1.8	19.2
228	93	Capital Inds	227	...	...	1.8	21.7
79	44	City of Lon▲	76	...	...	6.3	14.0
236	169	Cropper (James)	236	...	3.1	1.6	22.8
6	6	Crown Comm▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
92	51	Delyn Pckging	90	...	1.6	2.3	12.1
117	94	Dolphin Pack	106	...	4.5	5.3	26.2
84	62	Dudley Jenkins▲	84 †	+2	...	4.6	19.1
15½	11½	Elseek	11½	-½	...	2.2	15.1
73	41	Fairway Group▲	69 †	...	3.1	5.7	20.3
340	271	Ferguson Intl	340	...	...	4.6	15.4
108	92	Ferry Pick	107	...	...	6.7	28.3
143	74	Filofax	143	+4	...	1.1	18.4
20	14	Firth	19½	...	...	...	...
122	69	Gibbon Lyons▲	121	...	...	5.2	13.7
295	247	Gold Greenless	283	-1	8.3	3.7	-
41	20	Goodhead	23	...	0.5	2.7	...
88	35	Harmonprint	48	...	...	...	...
185	136	Integrupe	162	...	7.4	5.8	10.6
266	191	Jarvis Porter	255	+1	...	2.3	23.8
32	15½	Lopex	26	+1	...	...	...
309	175	Matt O'Ferrall	308	...	13.2	5.4	36.9
133	48	M&C Group	126	...	2.0	2.0	19.2
145	66	Osborne & Little	145	+4	...	4.0	15.9
325	433	Portals	326	...	...	3.5	17.9
265	167	Quarto	259	...	3.3	3.5	14.3
347	287	St Ives Gp	307	...	5.2	2.1	20.9
185½	147½	Saatchi	164	...	...	...	...
474	333	Sappi	351	-3	...	10.5	6.7
25	11½	Scitl	25	+3	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	24	...	...	...	...
397	294	Smith David	388	-2	...	3.2	20.3
285	214	Smurfit (Jeff)	287	...	...	2.9	16.8
68	45	Sonic	61	...	1.5	3.1	25.0
246	183	Sun-Plus	220	...	8.0	4.4	20.4
27½	16½	Taylor Nelson	27½	...	0.3	1.4	22.9
88	38	TIE	68	...	...	6.2	79.4
98	40	WPP	95	-1	...	1.3	3.0
168	62	Wace	168	+5	...	...	...
258	203	Waddington (J)	258	+1	...	3.8	19.3
730	540	Wassough	729	...	11.5	2.0	28.6
7½	4½	Westport▲	6	...	...	...	...
34	12	Whitney Mcke▲	24	...	...	...	...
87	55	Wood (SW)	79	...	...	2.0	16.9

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
108	41	Allied Lon	100	+1	...	3.5	4.4
83	58	Arcadian	82	...	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	9½	...	...	...	...
103	52	Asda	103	+1	...	3.5	10.8
139	88	Avonside	136	...	4.0	3.7	19.0
2637½	2062½	BCE▲	2125	-25	...	...	...
652	396	Bilton	651	...	18.9	3.6	23.5
110	23	Bourne End	92	...	1.0	1.4	...
224	150	Bradford	222	...	5.4	3.0	22.5
21	5	Bredero	17	+3	...	...	...
385	166½	Br Land	380	...	...	2.3	34.6
240	140½	Brixton	219	...	...	4.8	17.3
79	42	Burford	77	...	...	1.9	...
171	99	Cap & Regnl▲	171	+5	...	0.8	...
205	120	Cardiff Prop	205	...	2.4	7.5	...
440	196	Chesterfield	440	...	11.0	3.1	31.5
42	12	City Site Ests	42	...	1.4	...	...
21	12	Clarke Nickolls	21	...	...	...	...
53	34	Conrad Rhlst GS	49	...	...	...	...
1248	818	Daejan	1248 †	...	...	2.7	15.4
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
98	53	Debenham Twn	97	+2	...	3.9	18.9
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
153	76	Dencora	152	-1	3.0	2.5	...
548	263	Derwent Hldgs	545	...	8.6	2.0	67.0
45	10	Development Sec	42½	-1½	...	...	...
55	25	Dwyer	53	...	...	...	...
300	170	Estates Agency	300	...	3.0	...	27.5
27	7½	Estates Gen	21	...	...	...	...
214	132	Evans Of Leeds	206	...	...	2.8	18.2
32½	11	Five Oaks	32½	...	...	...	...
63	30	Fletcher King	63	...	1.0	2.0	41.1
494	276½	Frogmore	461	-1	...	4.1	26.8
200	97	Grainger	197	-1	5.2	3.3	44.0
211	116½	Gt Portland	204	...	...	4.9	19.5
37½	7½	Greycoat	29½	...	5.2	...	...
151	101	HK Land	148	-2½	...	4.5	19.9
79	35	Hambro Ctywe	79	+2	0.5	0.8	...
401	257½	Hammerson	395	+3	10.0	3.2	40.0
383	245	-do- 'A'	369	+5	10.0	3.4	37.3
253	127	Helical Bar	253	...	...	2.4	9.1
36	19	Hemingway	33	-1	...	...	...
182	36	Herring Baker	77	-1	3.7	6.1	19.3
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
682	435	Land Sec	664	-4	22.8	4.3	20.0
111	73	Lon Merch Sec	104	...	4.0	4.8	16.2
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
499	315½	MEPC	487	+1	...	5.1	21.0
9	5	McInerney A	6 #	...	...	...	...
135	95	McKay Secs	132 †	...	3.5	3.3	-
7½	3	Markheath	5½	...	...	...	...
49	12	Marivale Mrs	41	...	...	1.0	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
40	29	Moorfield Est	40	...	...	...	...
1250	775	Mountview	1200	...	20.0	2.1	11.9
169	112	Mucklow (A&J)	168	...	5.9	4.4	23.6
46	30	Olives Prop	36	...	1.5	5.2	...
10½	3½	Ossory Ex	5	...	0.1	...	1.5
153	80	PSIT	153 †	...	4.1	3.4	30.3
287	198	Peel	287 †	...	4.0	1.7	-
16	7	Power Corp	8	...	...	...	0.9
48	22	Property Trust	40	...	...	...	-
25	4	Raglan	11	-3	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	19	...	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	130	...	1.5	1.5	34.5
42	16	St Modwen Prp	41	...	0.6	1.8	31.2
70	39	Savills	60	...	...	2.1	23.8
95	34	Scot Met	95	...	1.5	...	...
105	39	Shaftesbury	99	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Sidell	12	...	...	...	6.3
243	139½	Slough Estates	228	-1	...	4.5	15.7
82½	39	Southend Prop	75	+1	...	4.0	...
28	16	Stanhope Prps	24	...	...	...	...
185	114	Tops Ests	185 †	+1	2.1	1.4	66.0
125	79	Town Centre	124	...	3.1	3.1	23.1
85	47	Trafford Park	78	...	2.5	4.1	21.0
6	3	UK Land	3	-1	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	6½	...	...	...	...
258	180	Warner	255	...	10.5	5.1	23.3
218	168	Warnford	218 †	...	7.5	4.3	16.0
8	2	Walerglade	2½	...	...	...	...
91	35	Wates	91	...	0.7	...	...
70	40	Wood John D▲	72	+2	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic▲	16	...	...	...	...
172	84	Headlam	172	+2	...	1.9	38.8
500	315	Lambert	315	...	13.0	5.2	7.7
100	51	Pittards	63	...	2.0	4.0	18.0
30	20	Strong & Fisher	27	...	1.0	4.6	7.5
187	89	Stylo	183 †	...	...	2.0	70.0
66	53	UK Safety	66	...	...	23.8	2.2

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
508	408	Allied Text	484 †	...	12.6	3.3	15.6
69	54	Beckman (A)	61	...	4.7	...	12.1
35	21	Bolton Gp	32	-1	...	...	16.3
170	141	Br Mohair	166	...	8.5	6.3	15.7
53	15	Chartwell▲	41	...	...	...	...
350	298	Claremont Ga	350	+6	7.2	2.6	21.9
601	522	Courtauld Text	575	+1	13.6	3.0	15.6
53½	24½	Cupid▲	28	-1	...	...	...
249½	205	Dawson	230	...	...	5.1	16.7
38	22	Drummond	38	...	...	...	...
81	65	Foxpel▲	81	...	...	7.6	12.5
34	15	Foster (John)	22	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	119	...	4.2	4.5	...
215	156	Hicking Pntcst	214	...	...	2.3	16.6
63	45	Jerome (S)	62	...	...	...	...
365	249	Lamont	351	+1	12.0	4.3	23.2
506	357½	Leeds	505	...	...	1.8	24.4
46	15	Lister	46	+1	0.1	0.3	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	83	...	4.8	7.4	9.4
188	89	Magellan	186	+8	1.4	0.9	...
166	69	Parkland 'A'	165	...	2.0	1.5	...
102½	82	Readicut	100½	...	...	4.3	18.9
58	35	SEET	56	+1	...	...	...
107	72	Sirdar	107	+3	5.1	6.0	18.8
72	44	Stirling Gp	70 †	...	1.8	3.3	17.1
51	37	Stoddard	47	+1	...	4.0	43.7
312	250	Tomkinsons	299	...	11.5	4.8	25.8
62½	39½	West Trust	42 †	...	2.5	7.4	-
209½	126	Yorklyde	181	...	...	3.6	11.9

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	407	BAT	480	-13½	...	5.3	13.5
743	584½	Rothmans 'B'	697	-19	11.5	2.1	13.8

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
469	349	Assoc Br Ports	461	...	...	2.3	...
839	707	BAA	838	+11	...	2.4	20.8
365	249	Br Airways	362	+4	...	3.2	19.0
106	56	Clarkson (H)	98	-2	1.5	1.9	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	469	-8	...	...	...
82	44	Fisher (James)	82	...	1.0	1.5	22.0
211	147	Isles Strm	211	+3	...	4.8	10.9
34	24	Jacobs (JI)	33	...	0.5	1.9	...
94	47	Lon Overs Frs	94	+7	...	1.4	18.4
2075	1202½	Mitsbshi Stl	2062½	...	4.5	0.2	16.2
384	280	Mersey Docks	377	...	7.5	2.5	24.1
263	181	Natl Express	263	...	...	3.4	18.8
294	230	NFC	270	-1	6.5	3.0	20.5
334	244	Ocean Group	332	...	...	5.6	26.8
83	40	Ocean Wilson	75	...	4.0	6.8	13.2
690	504	P & O Dfd	661	+19	...	5.8	35.9
155	127	P & O 5½%	155	...	...	4.4	...
563	448	Powell Duffryn	544	-1	...	5.2	21.1
171	117	Seacon	170	...	...	3.8	10.5
148	112	Suppstock	146	...	...	3.3	-
60	35½	TNT	56½	-1	...	...	...
773	626	Tiber & Brm	740	...	11.8	2.0	28.4
382	173	Tiphook	345	+6	...	9.8	...
298	227	TDG	258	+1	...	4.7	8.4

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	453	Anglian Water	530	+1	...	5.0	10.8
664	547	Northumbrian	651	...	...	4.3	6.7
537½	434½	North West	527	+3	...	5.1	9.4
554	439	Severn Trent	548	-3	...	4.8	8.8
583	454	Sthn Water	578	-1	...	4.6	8.6
1585	1225	Sth Staffs	1585	+10	47.0	3.7	11.3
579	465	South West	574	...	...	5.2	9.4
563	454	Thames Water	539	-4	...	4.9	10.6
639	506	Welsh Water	636	+2	...	4.6	6.4
649	536	Wessex Water	647	+1	...	4.2	9.7
593	473½	Yorkshire W	549	-3	...	4.8	9.3

Source: Extel

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex-dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
100½	99	Fund 6% 1993	100 †	...	6.00	...
106	101½	Treas 13¼% 1993	101½	...	13.51	5.58
102	101	Treas 8¼% 1994	101	...	8.40	5.55
109	104	Treas 14½% 1994	104	...	13.89	5.52
109	105	Exch 13½% 1994	105	...	12.85	5.49
105	103	Treas 10% 1994	103	...	9.67	5.45
110	106	Exch 12½% 1994	106	...	11.72	5.44
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	104	...	8.65	5.48
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	108	...	11.05	5.51
97	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96	...	3.10	4.98
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	108	...	9.46	5.64
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	114	...	11.10	5.76
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	117	...	11.98	5.88
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	122	...	12.45	5.99
120	116	Exch 13¼% 1996	117	...	11.24	5.99
111	108	Conv 10% 1996	111	...	9.00	6.13
122	116	Treas 13¼% 1997	120	...	10.96	6.28
113	110	Exch 10½% 1997	113 †	...	9.29	6.25
109	106	Treas 8¾% 1997	108	...	8.05	6.25
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	130	...	11.51	6.53
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	112	...	8.66	6.41
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	103 †	...	6.99	6.31
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101	...	6.68	6.13
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	128	...	10.87	6.77

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	137	...	11.26	6.64
123	118	Exch 12% 1998	122	...	9.77	6.72
113	108	Treas 9½% 1999	113	...	8.39	6.52
125	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	125 †	...	9.80	6.78
118	112	Treas 10½% 1999	118	...	8.90	6.65
118	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	117	...	8.69	6.67
113	106	Conv 9% 2000	112	...	8.01	6.61
132	125	Treas 13% 2000	132	...	9.81	6.94
118	109	Treas 10% 2001	117	...	8.49	6.90
119	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	118	...	8.24	6.96
108	97	Treas 8% 2003	108	...	7.41	6.84
122	109	Treas 10% 2003	121 †	...	8.25	6.99
125	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	124 †	...	9.22	7.18
81	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	80	...	4.38	6.02
119	105	Conv 9½% 2004	118	...	8.04	7.09
119	105	Conv 9½% 2005	118	...	8.02	7.12
137	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	136	...	9.17	7.38
107	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	105 †	...	7.56	7.05
130	116	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	129	...	9.06	7.31
112	97	Treas 8½% 2007	111	...	7.65	7.19
145	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	144	...	9.34	7.36

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
117	101	Treas 9% 2008	116	...	7.76	7.22
107	92	Treas 8% 2009	106	...	7.48	7.26
117	100	Conv 9% 2011	116	...	7.71	7.29
118	100	Treas 9% 2012	117	...	7.69	7.31
86	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	85 †	...	6.46	6.90
106	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	105	...	7.38	7.24
108	93	Treas 8% 2013	108	...	7.40	7.32
148	129	Exch 12% 2013-17	146	...	8.20	7.50
117	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	115	...	7.56	7.33

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47	38	War Ln 3½%	47	...	7.41	...
34	27	Treas 2½%	33 †	...	7.38	...

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135	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	134	...	...	0.22
199	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	199 †	...	1.52	2.37
110	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	110	...	1.93	2.56
168	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	168 †	...	2.86	3.02
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165	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	164	...	3.07	3.29
136	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	136	...	3.11	3.28
146	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	146	...	3.14	3.30
141	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	141	...	3.19	3.33
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Richard Cork reviews a show of contemporary British sculpture

ALAN WELLER



Fleeting Monument, by Cornelia Parker, incorporating hundreds of lead casts of a Big Ben souvenir, is one of the British sculptures on show at the Festival Hall

Although the Festival Hall's architects never intended it to house art, their building has proved surprisingly adaptable. After a recent overhaul, the central area devoted to temporary exhibitions looks unfussy, stylish and inviting. It now provides a seductive showcase for **Recent British Sculpture**, a selection drawn from purchases for the Arts Council Collection over the past decade. Anyone sampling the bookshops, cafés and lunchtime music which make a visit to the hall so agreeable will find themselves irresistibly propelled towards this stimulating survey.

By no means all the artists who have made British sculpture an international force are included here. Important works by some of the collection's best-known names, including Richard Long and Anish Kapoor, have been omitted in favour of younger, far less familiar alternatives. This strategy gives the show a welcome unpredictability. Established reputations are displayed alongside relative newcomers, and the latter's presence lends a fresh edge to the proceedings.

Take Abigail Lane, at 26 easily the youngest exhibitor. Like many of her generation, she does not adhere to the belief that "sculpture" must automatically take the form of a three-dimensional object. Her unassuming work hangs on the wall as a photograph, albeit covered with unusually thick glass. Only after a while do the sculptural implications of the image become apparent. Taken in the plaster-cast room at the Victoria & Albert Museum, Lane's mysteriously layered picture plays with reflections to suggest that the security guard is as enclosed by the display cases as a nearby statue. His imprisoned stillness testifies to the way people in museums often seem as frozen as the images they scrutinise.

But visitors to the show will not want to remain static for long. Many exhibits invade our space with an exclamatory sense of drama. Cornelia Parker's *Fleeting Monument* drops hundreds of lead casts of a Big Ben souvenir onto the floor. Pouring out of a conch-like container suspended from the ceiling far above, the lead pieces cascade downwards and then, on impact, fan out in a strangely military formation. Parker only used a single mould for all the casts, so they gradually became robbed of their distinguishing features. The Big Bens start to resemble missiles or naval destroyers as they advance towards us.

Although this is a lively survey, celebrating contemporary sculpture's supple and inventive use of a myriad materials, more disquieting elements are never far away. The slate form protruding from Alison Wilding's discreet wall-work *Green Beak* has a predatory air, while the black silk drape swathing much of her larger and more theatrical *Bearing* might be hiding a sinister component. The veiling becomes a source of irritation: we feel barred from an important part of a sculpture which withholds too much.

Cathy de Monchaux redresses the balance by opening up her wall-based *Ferment* to disclose its contents. At first, the two thin pipe-forms within resemble musical instruments. But they are too long for their case, and closer scrutiny discloses that they are studded like weapons. The unexpected sensuality of the plush red-velvet lining adds a suspicion of illicit pleasure. Violence is countered by luxury, and the sculpture's apparent openness ends up frustrating any attempt to discover precisely what its ambiguities might mean.

Stephen Hughes is even more enigmatic. The wooden case enclosing his long, yellow-painted object appears to have been built for a practical purpose. But its contents defy analysis. Is it an outsize truncheon, a ceremonial symbol or a pillar waiting to be incorporated in a building? Hughes is happy to let us speculate and conclude that, despite the matter-of-fact container, this unclassifiable form has no function at all.

Hughes's ponderous deliberation compares poorly with the spontaneity informing Bill Woodrow's *Crow and Carrion*, where two black folding umbrellas are the unlikely raw material for a tense, alarming confrontation. One umbrella is fashioned into the bird, with wings thrust out spikily as it pulls at the arm and hand projecting from the other, broken umbrella collapsed on the floor. The encounter is as ruthless as in Gaudier-Brzeska's masterpiece, *Bird Swallowing Fish*. And Woodrow's terse, resourceful transformation of the umbrellas shows how even the most worn-out utensil can undergo a persuasive metamorphosis.

> 'Many exhibits invade our space with an exclamatory sense of drama'

Any material, however unpromising or humdrum, is pressed into service by sculptors today. Lesley Foxcroft relies solely on corrugated cardboard, and does not change it beyond cutting the stuff into rectangles and stacking the units as a tall column. Brown and white segments alternate, and so do smooth and crinkled textures. The outcome is modest, decorative and oddly pleasing, marred only (on the day of my visit) by the accidental dislodging of a unit near the top.

In her case, only a ladder and a steady pair of hands are needed to solve the problem. But more technical assistance is required to mend Darrell Viner's *The Grind*. Consisting of an electric motor perched on stone slabs, the sculpture is supposed to spring into unruly action as the spectator approaches. But *The Grind* remained disappointingly motionless, although I walked up to it from a variety of angles. Electricity is an unreliable medium for artists, even if the winking lights in Ron Haselden's nearby *Red Nose* remain in sprightly working order. Dancing out of the lens of a battered camera, the tiny scarlet diodes appear to mock the antiquity of the machine they enliven.

The most impressive works on display do not depend on gadgetry. Tony Cragg's *George and the Dragon* takes an extended length of plastic orange piping and makes it wriggle and writhe in tortuous yet potentially destructive coils around three forms.

Like the serpent ensnaring the gesticulating figures in the great classical *Laocoon* carving, the piping threatens to crush a stained wooden table, battered milk churn and rickety wicker basket. Worn remnants of an older civilisation, they are trapped by the convulsive product of the modern industrial world. But the captives have not yet been defeated. They remain whole, thereby implying that the dragon may be confounded. Cragg also makes us look with fresh eyes at the banality of the tubing.

The struggle enacted in the other outstanding exhibit, Richard Deacon's *Kiss and Tell*, is far harder to define. He draws us towards the sculpture with the help of a gaping "mouth" made of timber. The screws and deep red glue binding the wood sections together are brazenly exposed, showing how this telescopic element was constructed. But no explanation is given for the presence of a bulbous plywood form attached to the side. It balloons outwards, lending support to the "mouth", but at the same time appearing to act as a leech or even a tumour.

The choice of *Kiss and Tell* as a title suddenly assumes a darker significance, suggesting that the intimacy enjoyed by these two arrestingly contrasted forms could lead to death. The sculpture's meanings cannot be pinned down. They remain marvellously open to interpretation while we circle this inexhaustible work, pondering its lethal implications even as the mutual dependence of the two halves becomes satisfyingly clear.

● Recent British Sculpture *is at the Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1, until September 12, daily 10am-10.30pm, admission free*

GALLERIES: CRITIC'S CHOICE

● **NICKY HIRST:** One of the more memorable artists in last year's Whitechapel Open, Hirst intervenes in or extrapolates from elements of the given space, often in a disturbing or puzzling way. A spirit of pure mischief informs her sometimes whimsical additions. She also crops up in the "Snap Shots" show at the Eagle Gallery.
Centre 181 Gallery, 181 King Street, W6 (081-576 5814) Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, until October 1.
Eagle Gallery, 159 Farringdon Road, EC1 (071-833 2674) Tues-Fri 11am-6pm. Sat 11am-4pm, until September 18.

● **PILES OF PLATES:** It was part of the Bloomsbury creed that every part of life should be somehow touched by art, and vice versa. Roger Fry's Omega Workshop, set up in 1913, channelled the efforts of Fry himself, Duncan Grant, Vanessa Bell, and others towards the practical requirements of the kitchen, dining room and sitting room, with painted furniture and fittings and a wide range of very practical pots.
Bloomsbury Workshop, 12 Galen Place, WC1. (071-405 0632) Monday-Friday 10am-5.30pm, until October 28.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

DANCE

Only patchily poetic

Bruch Violin Concerto
Theatre Royal, Glasgow

For a pop-classic, Bruch's Violin Concerto No 1 has inspired surprisingly few choreographers. Clark Tippet's version, made for American Ballet Theatre in 1987 and now staged for Scottish Ballet by David Richardson, is the first I have ever seen. I fervently wish I could be more complimentary about a choreographer who died young last year. But his piece strikes me as derivative of Balanchine in his grand, 19th-century manner, without any of his genius.

Four couples travel through the music, framed by other couples, the women in hefty tutus of the old Russian imperial style. A red couple (Anne Christie and Vladislav Bubnov) and a blue one (Nicola Theis and Rupert Jowett) inhabit the first movement, with extravagant flourishes and big, complicated lifts that recur throughout the piece. A duet of springy jumps from the two men reveals that Bubnov, recently recruited from the Bolshoi, has plenty of airborne power. Christie dances with confident attack, but her jolly smile and brisk manner, also sported by others, seemed to clash with the music's headlong romanticism, introducing a fatal hollowness.

There are those who might consider Bruch's concerto as hollow, but I have always enjoyed wallowing in its intensity. Tippet's visualisation, by contrast, offers brightness and bounce. A Hispanic note creeps into the choreography for the final movement's pink couple (Linda Packer and Roddie Patrizio), just as Christie and Bubnov had fleetingly suggested Hungarian resonances. Packer performs a fast, pert solo with small leaps and turns. The finale brings back the different couples and includes ugly jack-in-the-box leaps that hit the music like incongruous exclamation marks.

The one factor that made it worthwhile was the slow middle section, danced by Robert Hampton, the perfect elegant cavalier, and a new company member, Daria Klimentova. A Czechoslovakian in her early twenties, she is a star with a face like a prettier Meryl Streep, and the beautiful creamy continuum and plasticity of her Eastern schooling. Her steadily arcing legs and perfectly poised arabesques imprinted long luminous lines onto the stage's canvas. She, of all the cast, managed to instil poetry into what she was doing.

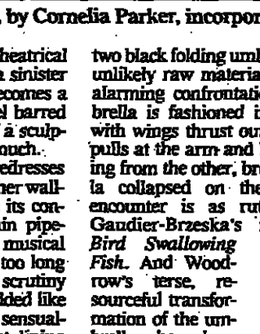
Alan Barker conducted, with a 14-year-old, Chinese-born guest musician, Vanessa Mae, giving a rather thin account of the violin part. Robert North's exuberant *Troy Game* and Peter Darrel's *Othello* satisfyingly completed the evening's programme.

NADINE MEISNER

PROMS

Keyboard plays a leading role

The English Concert/Pinnock
Albert Hall//Radio 3



Trevor Pinnock: he led from the harpsichord

Thanks to judicious placement of microphones, listeners on the radio will not have been at all worried, but in the Albert Hall itself Trevor Pinnock's direction of the English Concert in two Mozart symphonies from the harpsichord in Wednesday night's Prom seemed a little futile. Granted, that was how it would have been done in Mozart's time, but then Mozart's symphonies were not played in the Albert Hall.

To this listener, the instrument's presence here served mainly to interfere with the players' line of sight. If his players could hear him, which I doubt, why was his contribution limited to the odd tinkle when a hand happened to be free? Either you have harpsichord continuo or you do not.

But there was a valid excuse. For Pinnock the harpsichord is comfort-giving, like one of those small teddy bears that I would like to believe the powerful hide in the inner pockets of their pin-stripes. He conducts with more confidence, more energy when it is there than when it is not. His dynamic readings of both the "Paris" and the "Prague" Symphonies — a neat combination of works — demonstrated as much.

Despite one or two hesitant entries and the odd infelicity of intonation, colours were carefully blended: the dramatic, sweeping scales of the "Paris" Symphony's first movement and the scampering figurations of its finale made suitably vivid impressions, while the teasing contrapuntal ingenuity of the "Prague" Symphony's finale tingled the spine with Pinnock's firm signposting of entries.

Yet something in the "Coronation" Mass, K317, and three terse settings — Dixit Dominus, Laudate Dominum and the Magnificat — from the Solemn Vespers, K339, left me a touch dissatisfied. It is true that the ceremonial and functional nature of both works compromises to an extent the freedom of Mozart's invention. Even so, Pinnock, without keyboard, could not seem to sustain the same energies nor the same expressivity in either work that he had in the symphonies. The choral contributions (from the Choir of the English Concert) were invariably sturdy and crisp but in the end became almost predictable.

The solo singers provided moments of sheer lusciousness. Barbara Bonney, Catherine Wyn-Rogers, Jamie MacDougall and Stephen Gadd radiated a youthful ease essential in any Mozart, and they combined well, obviously listening to each other, when singing as a team. Bonney, given the main chances to shine in the Agnus Dei of the Mass and in the lovely soprano solo in Laudate Dominum, took her opportunities with exquisitely elegant, often deliciously understated singing. She is a great Mozartian.

STEPHEN PETTITT

TELEVISION REVIEW: **Lynne Truss**

Too reticent by half

Plain Tales from Northern Ireland
BBC 2

A slow burn is no bad thing in documentaries. It can be turned to sensational effect. The viewer, accustomed to half-hours jam-packed with horror and/or savage indignation, will be puzzled by a programme that is seemingly pointless, puzzled but intrigued, and can be led gently by the nose towards some quiet but shattering conclusion.

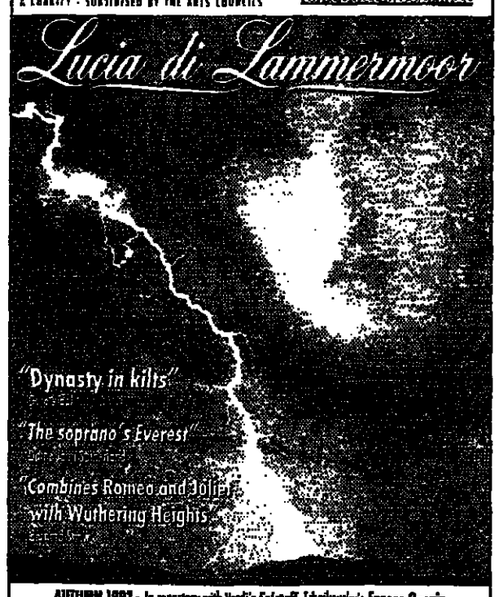
Last night's *Plain Tales from Northern Ireland*, the first of a new series, was the epitome of a slow burn. Writer Carlo Gebler spent three weeks in Fermanagh with the Nelson family, quiet-living Protestant farmers on the border, who once suffered a ghastly incident with the IRA. For 25 minutes he coolly painted a picture of the family's everyday life — peeling potatoes, rounding up the cows, winning the sack race at school — punctuated by the startling image of battle-dressed soldiers routinely prowling their yard, to the barking of dogs. Here was a slow burn all right. But unfortunately, just at the point when the viewer thought, "Right, I'm ready for the shattering bit now," the slow burn promptly fizzled out.

But how commendable, to make a "real people" documentary that was not exploitative. For those with serious misgivings about *Sylvania Waters*, here was its antithesis. Gebler retained a respectful distance from the Nelsons; he had promised not to sensationalise, and was as good as his word. Simply, their story was this: one evening nine months previously, the IRA had occupied the house, loaded a tractor-trailer with explosive, and ordered two of the Nelson children to drive it to a military check-point. But because the trailer was too heavy, it sank in the mud and the scheme was abandoned. Mr and Mrs Nelson were absent at the time. They returned home to find their older children tied up and the younger ones deeply scared.

With such a subject, one expects to see a tear-stained Mrs Nelson fiddling with a cup of tea in a pool of light, wiping tears and describing her emotions. Instead, she stoutly peeled potatoes and complained that the newspapers had misreported the story. "They said wee Sharon was tied up, but wee Sharon wasn't tied up." Off camera, Gebler complimented her on the potato-peeling (which pleased her); asked how she met her husband, watched her polish some unexplained trophies.

Wee Sharon still suffered from the after-effects of the raid, so never spoke to camera. Mr Nelson, a shy man, drove the school bus, ate his dinner, and bought a jacket at the shops. Wee Mervyn played the accordion and went fishing (possibly for the benefit of the cameras). The point was that Belfast is as remote from these people as it is from Tunbridge Wells. The subsidiary point was that the Nelsons had struck lucky with their film-maker, who was prepared to hang back, even if it meant his finished film had virtually nothing in it.

One could not help yearning for that distressed, weeping shot. After all, this was not a short story, it was factual television, where understated emotion fails to come across. How can we know how Mrs Nelson feels, if you don't ask her? How far is reticence interesting, per se? J.B. Priestley said the problem of the English dramatist is that it is hard to make plays out of people who refuse to make a scene. Similarly, how hard it is to make slow-burn documentaries about people whose ignition point is never reached.

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WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

LONDON

STREET SCENE: David Pountney's acclaimed production of Kurt Weill's opera. Weill's music mixes jazz and jitterbug to capture the tensions and aspirations of the community of diverse races and cultures inhabiting the tenements of New York. Playing the role of Anna Maurrant for the first time on stage, Josephine Barstow achieves what must be ranked as one of her best creations. Lesley Garrett sings the role of her daughter, Rose
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161). Tonight, 6pm.

DIDO AND AENEAS: Performance in aid of the charity Shelter of Henry Purcell's opera based on the Roman tragedy. Giving the opera a contemporary treatment the production uses music entirely generated by computer, yet staying true to its classical origins. Classical baroque vocals are provided by students from London opera schools with chorus by members of The London Philharmonic Choir. Costumes are donated by Vivienne Westwood. Director is Gary Barker.
Shaw, 100 Euston Road, NW1 (071-388 1394). Gala premiere tonight, 8pm, also tomorrow, 8pm

THE SEAGULL: The autumn season begins with Michael Frayn's translation of Chekhov. Paul Shelly directs.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond, (081 940 3633). Previews tonight, tomorrow, 7.45pm, opens Mon, 7.45pm.

PROMS: The Austro-Hungarian Haydn Orchestra under Adam Fischer, founder of the Austro-Hungarian Haydn Festival, performs a programme of Haydn, Beethoven and Schubert. The Viennese pianist Stefan Vladar makes his Prom debut.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7, (071-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm

ELSEWHERE

EDINBURGH: The Tutor: Rehearsed reading by the award-winning Gate Theatre, London, of Jakob Lenz's intense story of love and sacrifice. The play reflects Lenz's social concerns through the satirical portrayal of the educational system of his day.
Royal Lyceum, Grindlay Street, Today, 2.30pm. Festival Box Office (031-225 5756)

MOLD: World premiere of a play derived from Marguerite Duras' cult film, *India Song*. A scandalous love affair involving the wife of a French ambassador is pieced together long afterwards. Annabel Arden and Annie Castledine co-direct.
Emlyn Williams Theatre, Theatr Clwyd (0352 755114). Previews tonight, tomorrow and Mon, 7.45pm, opens Tues, 7.45pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, 2.45pm

WATFORD: The season opens with Stoppard's double (almost triple) bill: **Dogg's Hamlet** and **The Real Inspector Hound**. Word games, a mini-*Hamlet* and a send-up of a murder-mystery.
Palace, Clarendon Road (0923 225671). Tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 7.45pm. Fri and Sat, 8pm, mats, Sat (from Sept 11), 3pm.

HULL: Fred Elwell's *The First Born* was hung at the RA in 1913, and excited fierce argument as to whether the young father first glimpsing his first child should have taken off his hat. The picture remains Elwell's most popular. Twentieth-century painters of such Victorian genre scenes seldom rate big retrospectives these days, but Elwell repays the trouble with a lot of technically accomplished painting and some fascinating insights about life upstairs and downstairs.
Ferens Art Gallery, Queen Victoria Square, (0482 593912). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 1.30-4.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
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□ **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA:** Richard Johnson and Clare Higgins in a golden-hued production, directed by John Caird
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8391). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 195mins

◪ **ARCADIA**: Tom Stoppard in sparkling form brings together love, chaos theory and much else.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm. 180mins.

■ **THE CHANGELING:** Michael Attenborough's vivid and lusty production from Stratford
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 180mins

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical packed with wit.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

□ **A CONNECTICUT YANKEE:** Ian Talbot revives the Rodgers/Hart musical based on Mark Twain.
Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Tomorrow-Wed, 8pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm.

◪ **CRAZY FOR YOU**: Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Tue-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins

■ **GREASE:** Energetic, well-danced revival taking a nostalgic look at the innocent 1950s.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 150mins

□ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Margot Leicester, Matthew Marsh lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins.

□ **LYSISTRATA:** Geraldine James inspires the women of Athens to deny their men the joys of sex. Peter Hall's vigorously phallic production.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

□ **THE MOUNTAIN GIANTS**: Sian Thomas, Desmond Barrit in Pirandello's last play, completed by Charles Wood.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm.

□ **RACING DEMON**: Revival of David Hare's bracing drama on the modern Church of England. With Michael Bryant, Richard Pasco and the excellent Oliver Ford Davies.
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1. (071-928-2252). Previews tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow 2pm.

□ **SEPARATE TABLES:** Peter Bowles, Patricia Hodge tap heart-felt emotions in Peter Hall's welcome revival of Rattigan.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 150mins

■ **SUNSET BOULEVARD:** Triumph for Patti Lupone as the faded star in Lloyd-Webber's success.
Adelphi Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-344 0055). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sats, 3pm.

□ **THE TAMING OF THE SHREW:** Galumphing version of this politically incorrect, so-called comedy
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Tonight, 8pm.

□ **TIME OF MY LIFE:** One of Ayckbourn's best family plays. Anton Rodgers and Gwen Taylor play the older couple
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat 8pm, mats Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm.

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... ◪ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) **Five Guys Named Moe**. Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... □ **On The Piste**: Garrick (071-494 5085) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... □ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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People power versus Caesar

Julius Caesar
Royal Highland Exhibition Hall, Ingliston

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

THE arena built for the Spanish Riding School in Salzburg, where Peter Stein mounted this large-scale production last year, provides flights of steps and many levels for Stein to spread his cast — close on 250 of them: 35 playing named characters and 200, all identified in the programme, playing the Mob. At the Exhibition Hall, the area marked out for the vast stage is flat, with one lofty gallery the only other level. But fire doors, and other entrances high enough to carry a caber in vertically, make up the far wall which Stein, re-directing the play for this altered setting, opens and shuts to give glimpses of the wider world.

The hall is close by Edinburgh Airport and departing planes make their own contribution to the drama, one of them introducing itself just as Brutus in his orchard spoke of things whizzing in the air.

Stein is known for his scenic effects, which are here reliant on the movements of the Mob. When thunder claps and the sky grows darkish some braziers are brought on, and again in Brutus's tent, but the only other items of this sort are the white wooden stools that the senators overturn in the excitement of killing Caesar. Caesar's grander chair is also knocked backwards, but the sound of wood hitting marble steps, which so affected a colleague at Salzburg last year, sounds, alas, nothing out of the ordinary when the stools fall over on concrete.

Extras do not take much longer running 50 yards than ten, but it must all add up, and join the time actors spend striding across the open spaces towards each other. The total of three and three-quarter hours makes a long afternoon and, in truth, the protracted duologues of the first half, between Brutus and Portia, Caesar and Calpurnia, and various conspirators arguing each other into conviction — these do not grip the attention of the no more than O-level German speaker. I admit to sneaking a look at the First Folio facsimile available with the programme, to see when the crowd would next rush on.

Stein's deployment of his 200 in the market-place is strongly imagined. After Brutus's speech, the plebs take a while to stop wandering about, and always some are more edgy than the rest. For a fleeting moment, they are individuals, before Antony gets to work on them, exhibiting the cuts on Caesar's red mantle, holding up the material like a draper displaying the quality of his wares. No wonder the mob lose their wits, rip the rostrum into its constituent planks and rip apart Cinna the Poet, rending him to pieces that leave a lot of blood and innards on the stage. Meanwhile, Gert Voss's satisfied Antony is jigging in their rear like an alert referee.

A little earlier, more remarkably, the senators prostrate themselves before Caesar and approach him on their bellies, like slugs. After Caesar's fall the guilty Cinna's voice, proclaiming liberty, has become a high, nervous squeak. And from that moment, we see the conspirators as yesterday's men.

TOM KIDD



Casca (Branko Samarovski, left) and Cassius (Hans Michael Rehberg)

Thomas Holtzmann's Brutus has seemed this from the start, shoulders stooping from reading too much Plato and not enough Xenophon, who might have taught him how to save a military campaign. His is a thoughtful reading, emphasising his indecision with a trick of looking from side to side, but I did not catch a sense that events altered him. Stein's plans include Shakespeare's other Roman plays, where such alteration must not be eclipsed by crowd-work, however skilfully its members are marshalled. Thrilling as it is to see 200 players dashing about, forming tight groups with arms uplifted, like the workers in *Metropolis*, his concept of the individuals is not so exciting.

JEREMY KINGSTON

EDINBURGH CONCERTS

Seduced by the gypsy

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Usher Hall

HE MUST have been thinking about the black-eyed gypsy. It is difficult otherwise to explain why **Peter Donohoe** played with *so much* less than his usual accuracy and authority in Brahms's Second Piano Concerto and then, in the same hall only two or three hours later, found such inspiration in Janácek's *Diary of One who Disappeared* — the haunting story of a farmer seduced from his plough by the dark-skinned Zefka.

The mid-evening concert, where Donohoe joined **Kurt Masur** and the **Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra**, does not rank among the most rewarding, good though it was to see a full house again in the Usher Hall. The orchestra was also well below its best in Brahms, especially in the woodwind playing. It recovered in Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* but it was impossible not to regret the absence in Sergei Gorchakov's orchestration of some familiar sounds from Ravel's version. Gorchakov's percussion-heavy version sounds more Russian. But that in itself doesn't make it more authentic.

The late-night event, on the other hand — like the **Lindsay Quartet**'s stunning coupling of Janácek's *Intimate Letters* and Schubert's *Death and the Maiden* on Wednesday morning at the Queen's Hall — was highly rewarding. It began with a beautifully poised account of Schubert's extended song "Viola", with Donohoe and **Ann Murray** in complete agreement on their subtly-chosen tempo and their modest but effective colouring.

Then there was *The Diary of One who Disappeared*: Donohoe was alive to every erotic inflection in the piano part, **Philip Langridge** eloquently covered a range of emotions between shocked innocence and ecstatic acquiescence, while Murray sweetly sang seduction into his left ear. Meanwhile, three members of Capella Nova discreetly added to the atmosphere offstage.

One of festival director Brian McMaster's innovations, the late-night event in the Usher Hall, strictly reserved for special masterpieces and special performers, has already proved to be a valuable addition to Edinburgh's resources.

GERALD LARNER

LONDON THEATRE

Mad, maddening crowd

Epping Forest
Theatre Museum

THE houselights go down and the audience hears Judy Garland earnestly sharing her views on vitamins with Sue Lawley, who agrees with every word. It is a hilariously absurd send-up of *Desert Island Discs*, yet I remained in the dark as to what it had to do with a play about a psychiatrist and five institutionalised patients.

Perhaps the doctor, as played by the lightly satirical Stephen Gilroy, has a touch of Radio 4's Anthony Clare. He talks in those hushed too-soothing-to-tolerate tones of an unruffle-able shrink. He looks like Ronnie Corbett masquerading as a Harley Street professional, which adds to the comedy.

There are certainly some able performers amongst the drama graduates who comprise the new theatre company, Trespass. The Theatre Museum's auditorium is, additionally, impressively converted from its normal lecture-room feel and varnished pine look into a far more absorbing black and white box. The staging is shot through with surprising powerful moments: sometimes a tableau, sometimes a complex overlap of multiple actions. Near the end, for example, Mandy sings a hymn while Lucy whispers about her nightmares. At the same time Peter laughs at himself and Robert hangs himself by an imaginary rope, again and again, with the ghost of the wife he killed standing below him, her head flopping to one side each time his own neck snaps.

Still, Paul Sellar's play is narrative chaos and lacks overall cohesion — faults that more commonly plague group-improvised work. *Epping Forest* is a democratic piece of writing in that almost everybody gets their soliloquy. There are too many characters with insufficient space: individual stories, Robert excepted, go nowhere.

Sellar's script has very promising sections and he can be extremely funny; nevertheless, some of his ideas are trite. Intriguingly, it is the one actress who is given no speech who lingers in the memory. Anna Murphy (Mandy) stands like a little girl dressed in some spinster aunt's black dress. Her hands are eternally heading towards prayer, but are too restless ever to be joined. Throughout the play she mouths the song we cannot hear.

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ROCK ON FRIDAY: Why Macca is still fab ... Paul Weller more Traffic than Jam ... Reload accelerate to warp eight

Not half the man he used to be

As the Paul McCartney roadshow rolls into London, **Chris Campling** wonders why a man so successful should have such a lousy image





Paul McCartney at the beginning of Beatlemania, in 1963, and 30 years later — little seems to have changed but the size of the bass

Thirty years ago, Paul McCartney was on tour with his group. "She Loves You" was their second No 1 in a row, and the kids were going ape down at the Cavern and the Grafton Arms, not to mention the Floral Pavilion, Southport. Yes, things were looking good for that hot r&b combo, the Beatles.

Thirty years later, McCartney is on tour with his band, and has been since the beginning of March. And the kids — or, more accurately, those who were once kids and can remember what it was like to be one, or those kids who learnt their kiddom from older brothers, or parents, or grandparents — are going ape. In Australia, in America and, from next Saturday, at Earls Court, it has been SRO for the 51-year-old left-handed guitarist and pianist, his wife and a bunch of faceless, albeit extremely competent, musicians.

Why? Because, besides the Rolling Stones, who can you think of who's bigger than him? Not Bob Dylan. He's a coeval, but he's quite likely to come on and do "The Times They Are A-Changin' " in the style of Guns N' Roses, which isn't playing the game. Not Eric Clapton, because he hasn't been around as long — and nor have the likes of Bruce Springsteen, Dire Straits, Michael Jackson, Madonna and U2. No, the only one who could hold an uplifted lighter during the quiet stuff to McCartney would be Elvis, and he's dead.

But the funny thing about McCartney is that, despite all the evidence to the contrary, there are a lot of people who will say (which is very different to thinking it) that he's not very good. Even Lennon said so, once — "The only thing you did was yesterday, and since you're gone it's just another day", he sang on "How Do You Sleep?", back in the deep, dark days of the early 1970s, when he and McCartney were engaged in a ridiculous contest as to who had left the Beatles first.

Lennon, of course, was being spiteful. Despite its monumental success — more than six million plays on American radio alone — "Yesterday" is far from the best thing McCartney did with the Beatles, while "Another Day", his first really big hit after leaving the fabs, is a lovely little piece of social documentary, along the lines of "For No One", "She's Leaving Home" and "Eleanor Rigby".

On the other hand, Lennon — and all the Paulie-knockers — had a point. All his life, it seems, from boyhood to hundred of millions in the bankdom, McCartney has been fundamentally uncool. He could sing rock 'n' roll, and play it, and write it (after a fashion). But he did not live it. No, Lennon did that, and Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin — and look where it got them. McCartney, it seems, would rather live fairly fast, die old and who cares what your corpse looks like?

He must also be one of the few men of his stature to have a fanzine. His is called *Club Sandwich*, all colour pictures and stories by real journalists. And it's a proper fanzine too, not one of those pseudo-intellectual journals for people with far too much time on their hands in which to discuss the minutiae of their hero's oeuvre, like Dylan and that lot.

No, *Club Sandwich* has bits of chitchat about what Paul's been up to since the last time everyone met, and letters from anal retentives wanting to know if it really was him singing back-up on some obscure 45 from God knows when.

He has been married to the same woman for 24 years, and his children went to the local school and now seem to be securely on the rails. And he would probably have got his knighthood by now were it not for that, um, unfortunate business in Japan a few years ago. Busted for dope. How prosaic.

He has also got all these causes that he bangs on about. The new tour brochure, a very grand affair, is riddled with them, from saving the planet to punting the Liverpool Institute for the Performing Arts, the Scouse equivalent of the New York "Fame" school.

The school, due to open in 1995, will be housed in the old Liverpool Institute, the school McCartney — and George Harrison — attended all those years ago, right next to the art school Lennon loafed around in. It had fallen on hard times, so McCartney got behind the plan to save it and, well, you know, it's all come together rather nicely. Oh yes, he also gave £1 million towards the cost of reconstruction and refurbishment.

Significantly, the tour brochure is free to all punters at the concerts, McCartney giving back something to those prepared to shell out £20 and more to see him, in his annoyingly eager-to-please way.

So, not much of an alternative role model then, even in a world where the position of teen idol has become so debased that Bad Boys Inc can become the Rolling Stones to Take That's Beatles.

No, the reason for McCartney's enduring popularity has to be a pretty simple one: he can play the fingers off anyone, sing the throat out of most, and would feel deeply embarrassed were any of his concerts anything less than technically perfect. This is a man who still rehearses songs he has played thousands of times, who stages shows that more than make up in pyrotechnics what they might lack in on-stage athleticism.

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And he loves to play live, always did. When the Beatles stopped touring, back in 1966 after the horrors of that one tour too many, McCartney felt the loss the deepest. While Lennon lost himself in chemicals and sleep, McCartney was putting together a plan for the Beatles to tour incognito (a scheme he was to revive after the death of the fabs, taking the nascent Wings around the colleges and minor venues). When the others looked at him as though he was mad, he made the studio his stage, bullying and chivvying the rest through *Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*, *Let It Be* and *Abbey Road*.

Unfortunately, he also bullied and chivvied them through that monument to self-indulgence, *Magical Mystery Tour*. The trouble with being McCartney, it seems, is that the self-confidence and talent capable of taking the world down a new pop route is also capable of leading it up a blind alley, or at least a short-sighted one. Fifteen years after the *Mystery Tour*, McCartney unleashed another grandiose home movie, *Give My Regards To Broad Street*. He played a caring megastar, taking time off from helping his fellow man to lay down tracks for a killer new album that eventually goes missing (guess who finds it). It was embarrassingly bad. McCartney fans the world over blushed for their hero — and found solace in the double-album soundtrack, as fresh and sparkling as the film was dull, stale and unprofitable.

But just you try telling McCartney he shouldn't overreach himself. This, after all, is the man who wrote the singalongabagpipes "Mull of Kintyre", and saw it sell millions, in defiance of any popular concept of taste. He is the one who took a few bits and pieces of songs, strung them all together, and made the last 20 minutes of *Abbey Road*, from "Golden Slumbers" to "The End" *work*. Charging into areas with warning signs all over them, thumbs aloft and playing the honest working man card for all he's worth, he has emerged trailing clouds of glory far more often than he has limped out with *Back To The Egg* all over his face.

● *Paul McCartney is at Earls Court, SW5 (information on 0891 600199) on September 11, 14 and 15*

NEW WAVES

The insider's guide to the Next Big Thing

The relationship between science fiction and music is a troubled one. Think of Hawkwind, for example, or Jeff Lynne's *War of the Worlds*. Think, even, of Billy Idol's *Cyberpunk*, available on floppy disc but still hobbling along behind the future.

Reload exemplify the idea of the small intelligent unit proposed by Robert Fripp many years ago. Working from a remote base in Somerset, Mark Pritchard and former Aphex Twin collaborator Tom Middleton have built a reputation by steadily infiltrating an overcrowded market with exquisite techno instrumentals released on their own Evolution label.

With the added push of Creation's Infonet label, Reload have approached their first album with a view to the multimedia future. Although still a thing of paper, ink, plastic and metals, *A Collection of Short Stories* invites us to contemplate a time when music, literature and visual art will drift across our senses like smoke. Until then, we trek back from the record shop to load an imminently obsolescent disc into a malfunctioning lump of hardware.

Such technophobias are encompassed within the stories written to augment Reload's evocative little space symphonies. In "1962 Try 621", for example, the protagonist struggles to remember a voice code as aliens invade his space ship. This experience is familiar to anybody who ever stood at a cash machine in a state of amnesiac dismay.

Sound is important to Reload, and the imagery of their CD story book reflects this: "The sound of machines pulverising metal ... Footsteps, he realised, hydraulics, metallics ... The noise from the shuttle became overwhelming, shattering the glass panel."

But no attempt to combine differing media in nearly new formats can mean anything if the work is clichéd. Reload negotiate numerous pitfalls of sci-fi electronics and illustrated pulp literature with the ease of the starship Enterprise evading a meteor storm.

DAVID TOOP

NEW RELEASES: Paul Weller puts his past ahead of him

As though punk never happened



Paul Weller has plundered his musical memory banks to produce a fine new album

PAUL WELLER
Wild Wood
(GO! Discs 828 435)
WHEN you think of how sternly the punks of the 1970s rejected the music and fashions of their hippy forebears, it is ironic to find a middle-aged Paul Weller drawing such obvious inspiration from 1960s bands such as Traffic, Crosby Stills & Nash and the Small Faces to produce his best work since the glory days of the Jam.

Having turned into a caricature of the trend-conscious, politico-pop star during his years with the dreary Style Council, Weller first emerged from the doldrums with an astounding single, "Into Tomorrow", released, out of the blue, in 1991. That dark, hard chunk of neo-psychedelic rock signposted the direction of a renaissance which has reached fruition with *Wild Wood*, Weller's second solo album.

With its mystical lyric and haunting swirl of a chord sequence, the opening track, "Sunflower", is a close relative of "Into Tomorrow" and sets the tone for a collection that sensitively explores a faded strand of bucolic English rock. Titles like "Shadow Of The Sun", "Foot Of The Mountain", "Country" and "Wild Wood" have a resonance that is a long way removed from the self-conscious posturing of the Style Council, let alone the wired, urban angst of "Down In The Tube Station At Midnight".

Co-produced by Brendan Lynch and Weller, *Wild Wood* has an old, "organically" made feel about it — all crunchy guitars and ambient drum sounds with an occasional flute, organ or mellotron thrown into the mix. Rather like a Lenny Kravitz album, in fact.

The performances are economical yet heartfelt and, after a long period of uncertainty, Weller has clearly found his voice again. How odd that it should echo so clearly and with such empathy an era of rock he once came to bury.

THE BREEDERS
Last Splash
(4AD CAD 3014)
THEIR brief, Orwellian press CV omits any reference to Tanya Donnelly, who founded the Breeders in 1989, along with Kim Deal (formerly of Pixies). Donnelly has since gone on to enjoy conspicuous success with her new group Belly. But the chances of the revamped Breeders following suit with this, the band's second album, are slim.

A strange, slight collection of songs, *Last Splash* has a disjointed quality that occasionally borders on the nightmarish (the Pixies-ish "No Aloha", the meandering thrash-plod-thrash of "Roi"). But more often the group simply sounds adrift, without musical compass or map. There are lots of potentially good bits and pieces floating around, but with the production and arrangements all so open-ended and do-as-you-please there is no unifying force pulling the songs (let alone the album) into focus.

MEATLOAF
Bat Out of Hell II — Back Into Hell
(Virgin CDV 2710)
AFTER burying several hatchets, Meat Loaf and writer-producer Jim Steinman have renewed their stormy partnership to produce a belated follow-up to their magnum opus of 1977. Like Neil Young and Mike Oldfield before them, the pair have judged correctly that the key to sequel success is simply to indulge to the max in what you used to do best in the first place. In the case of *Back Into Hell* that means long songs with even longer titles: "I'd Do Anything For Love (But I Wouldn't Do That)" (11min 55sec), "Objects In The Rear View Mirror May Appear Closer Than They Are" (10:15), "Life Is A Lemon And I Want My Money Back" (7:59) and so on.

Steinman's knack of spinning out a simple idea to interminable lengths while sustaining dramatic tension is engaged to the hilt with choruses that endlessly swell, die down and swell again like boats on a heaving sea. Meat's tremulous bawl is the perfect match for Steinman's overwrought lyrics, which continue to offer a regressive and frankly implausible celebration of rock 'n' roll as youth's ultimate weapon against a hostile older generation.

Lending dignity to this overblown affair is the piano playing of Roy Bittan (keyboard player with Bruce Springsteen) whose tinkling arpeggios often start the songs. Otherwise, the combination of Steinman's magniloquence and Meat's ebullience ensures another mock-operatic blockbuster where subtlety is not at a premium.

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FOR all the energetic racket of songs like "Mid Day Crisis" and "A Bachelor For Baden Powell", which bowl along like punk anthems on a day trip to the seaside, the Carter USM agit-pop formula sounds tired. When they're not tilting at old windmills ("Stuff The Jubilee", in 1993?) Jim Bob and Fruitbat spend most of their time trying to make serious points about modern life by being funny.

The result is a bunch of riffs that sound like rejects from an early Clash album harnessed to artlessly jaunty couplets like "Cheer up, it might never happen / Drive-by shootings on the streets of Clapham", or "Fee Fi Fo Fum / I smell the blood of Nazi scum". The overall effect fails either to capture the spirit of the age or raise the spirits in quite the way that was intended.

DAVID SINCLAIR

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SINGLES: Although ignored when it was first released last year, "Creep", by the Oxford-based band **Radiohead**, is currently clawing its way up the American chart. A measured slice of alternative rock with a brooding message of self-doubt, it will doubtless fare better second time around. After a four-year absence **Kate Bush** returns with an upbeat charmer called "Rubberband Girl", taken from her forthcoming album *The Red Shoes*. Solid dancefloor beat, slithery lead guitar and a lively horn section are led by the unmistakably strident tones of la Bush.

BOOK: *The Kerrang! Direktory Of Heavy Metal*, edited by Neil Jeffries (Virgin, £12.99), is a cheerful and authoritative manual that attempts to make sense of a genre increasingly subject to middle-aged sprawl. Amusing biographies and a guide to recommended listening are supplied for nearly 600 acts. All the obvious names are here, but why is Michael Bolton?

SEVEN DAYS
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BENEFIT CONCERT: A show to raise funds for victims of the war in Bosnia begins tomorrow at Appleby Public Hall, Appleby, Cumbria (0768 899444) at 8pm, entrance £5. Acts confirmed are Sunshot, Cosmic Cat and Lovedead, together with Croatian refugee band Stella Maris.

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Computer studies fail to make the grade

This year's A-level results suggest that teenagers are avoiding information technology. **David Guest** reports

Within the flight from science revealed by this year's A-level results was a statistic of particular interest for the computer industry. Only 1.3 per cent of students took an A-level in computing.

Of these, a lower than average proportion managed a grade C or better — 39 per cent in computing, against 46.5 per cent in all other subjects.

In an industry where the skills shortage has been a perennial problem, these look like discouraging figures. But they do not necessarily imply that IT professionals will soon be an endangered species. First, the numbers are a slight increase on last year — 9,696 computing A-levels as opposed to 9,168 — and there is one other good reason for personnel managers to regard the figures with equanimity.

"I am absolutely sure that the number of students taking computing at A-level has little relevance to the number taking up undergraduate courses," Rob Roseveare, the manager of career training with the National Computing Centre (NCC), says. "Nor does A-level or undergraduate study bear much relation to the number of people going into the industry."

Mr Roseveare points out that, in the traditional programmer or analyst route into an information technology career, the subject of the degree is rarely vital. "The bulk of students going into computing will start the discipline afresh from a variety of academic backgrounds," he says, adding: "They will not be disadvantaged."

On the contrary, some believe that the type of computing taught in Britain's schools bears so little relation to the work of an IT professional in industry that it might have to be unlearnt. Mr Roseveare says that this is overstating the case, but one corporate training officer commented: "There is still far too much 'making a computer out of coat-hangers' going on in schools."

The proportion of graduates taking jobs in IT with computer science backgrounds is estimated at less than 40 per cent.

If there is a problem in the education statistics for the computer industry, it may rather be in the difficulty with which A-level students take the next step. There are question marks against the content of courses and the ability of students to find the right degree course for themselves.

"The would-be undergraduate does not find it easy to identify the course he or she wants: those with a computing A-level might have a better idea of what questions to ask," Mr Roseveare says.

But it is with the content of degree courses that Mr Roseveare really takes issue. Admitting that the NCC's training orientation towards vocational qualifications makes him biased, he says: "I think the universities have got to get their house in order if they are to serve the computing industry." In particular, he says, the business side of IT in industry is not always reflected in computer science degree courses.



NEC's Algoblock could provide building blocks for the computer industry

The NCC's five-year prediction is that the number of jobs in computer operations and data entry — at what has generally been seen as the end of the career spectrum where lower qualifications are demanded — is going to fall away markedly, while the demand for programmers will remain stable.

But the number of analysts and programmers will rise sharply, and this is the traditional path for graduates into IT. The spread of the personal computer has also opened a new route — PC user-support — which need not depend on formal qualifications at all.

The programmer's job has changed considerably over the past ten years, with new techniques coming into vogue and a wealth of software "tools" available for the programmer's assistance. But that does not mean it has become less skilled, says Mr Roseveare — the requirement for good training and work experience persists. "If you put a power tool into the hands of a carpenter, he will surely make the best use of it if he knows how to use a chisel."

There will also continue to be openings for determinedly technical "propeller heads", despite all the talk about the business context of IT. Particularly on the supply side of the software industry and in such areas as telecommunications and open systems, the skills shortage remains one of both volume and quality.

The funding status of computing courses has not changed, and students wanting to take up computer studies courses should not find anything like the difficulty that faces those inclined to the arts. Meanwhile, the hunt goes on for something more subtle than withdrawal of funding from alternatives to persuade more young students into computer studies.

Elsewhere, target students are getting younger all the time. NEC, the Japanese computer and communications company, has just showed a programming system in Britain that is aimed at young children and aims to teach the rudiments of programming without a keyboard.

Algoblock, as it is called, consists of a set of physical blocks that can be joined to represent the sequence of commands in a program — the results are displayed on a monitor. So far, NEC has produced eight exercises to perform with the blocks and each can be made progressively more challenging.

"It brings the program out from behind the screen," the company argues. If so, it has two great advantages over present methods: the children can see the program, and there is no keyboard-hogging. Algoblock has been field-tested by 12-year olds in Japan and NEC may eventually release it for six-year-olds and upwards, but it is unlikely to be made available until next year.

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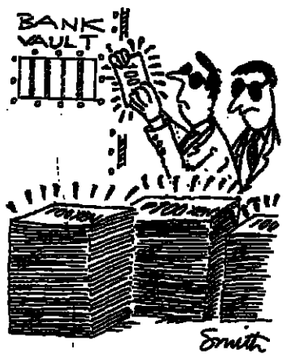
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CD falls into your laptop

TWO of the fastest-growing areas of personal computers — laptops and CD-roms — have merged with a notebook-sized computer from Matsushita with a built-in CD-roms drive. A CD-rom resembles a standard audio CD but can hold large amounts of computer data. However, the notebook's drive uses 3.5-inch discs smaller than the standard 5-inch variety. The notebook will cost from £1,700 when it goes on sale in December.

Export drives

The US Commerce Department is to remove export controls on high-speed computers. The move covers digital computers with capabilities of up to 67 million theoretical operations per second, known as MTOPS, already in use as advanced personal computers and business workstations. But the move was dismissed by Richard Iverson, president of the American Electronics Association: "Technology advances so quickly, this policy will be obsolete in five months."



Seal approval

JAPAN has printed the first batch of new yen notes designed to foil counterfeiters who use the latest colour photocopiers. The seal of the Bank of Japan governor on the new 1,000-yen and 10,000-yen bills uses an ink that emits light when exposed to ultraviolet rays. Fine print on the bills is impossible to photocopy. The finance ministry issued the new bills after hundreds of forged notes were discovered in April. Panic-stricken banks and railway stations shut down thousands of money-changing and automatic ticketing machines.

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If you still can't programme the video recorder, **Matthew May** reports on a new way of telling it what to do

How to keep a close watch on the children

Video recorders that you can talk to and watches which alert parents that their children need collecting are just two of the electronic delights heading our way. The gadgets were on display this week at an electronics fair in Berlin.

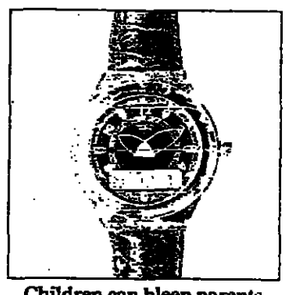
The latest help for more than a third of video owners who have difficulty programming their machines comes from Philips, the Dutch electronics company. From next month, it is to sell a £99 remote control that understands speech.

Buyers of the Voice Commander have to train it for about 30 minutes so it can recognise their voice with the typical words such as "start, play or Monday", needed to operate a video recorder. The device can be trained for up to four people. Once programmed, users should be able to tell the remote to record BBC1, Monday, 7.30pm to 9.00pm and expect it to do the rest. A bonus is that, when watching a video, the word "zap" will fast-forward the tape for 60 seconds. Presumably saying "zap, zap, zap" should remove a three-minute commercial break entirely.

Although designed primarily for video use, the remote can also be trained with basic commands to control television sets and satellite receivers. Philips says it should work with most of the major brands, but will only guarantee it to operate with its own products.

The only drawback is that while training the device is not difficult, it is at about the same level of complexity as, say, programming a video recorder.

If that does not appeal, there are wristwatch pagers — something that Swatch hopes it can make an everyday item. Next year, a £100 watch with an LCD screen will be introduced in Britain. A paging network can be used to bleep wearers, or to display up to 15 characters of a telephone number on a small LCD screen at the bottom of the watch face.



Children can bleep parents on the Swatch pager watch

> The chief users are predicted to be parents who want to keep in easy touch with their offspring

However, unlike most companies in this field, Swatch expects at least half the sales to come from the domestic consumer rather than just business travellers.

The chief users are predicted to be families wanting to keep in quick and easy touch with their children — it will be promoted as a cheap, albeit much more limited, alternative to a mobile phone — and as a fashion accessory for a target audience of 18 to 40-year-olds.

That may not be as unlikely as it seems. One third of those who have bought the pager watch in Switzerland, where it is already on sale, have not bothered to register for the paging service.

But behind the gadgetry, there are serious battles going on. Philips and Sony, for example, are both convinced that as people get used to the higher quality of compact discs, the result will be the end of today's audio cassette.

The fight is over which new digital format will replace it. Both provide a similar sound quality to compact discs but, unlike CD, they can also be used for recording.

Philips is behind the Digital Compact Cassette (DCC), which has the advantage of being "backwards compatible", meaning that DCC players and recorders can also use existing cassettes, though without any improvement in sound quality.

The rival is Sony's Minidisc, which comes as a thin 2¾-inch disc, which can access any track quickly and should eventually appear in miniature personal stereos.

Fierce arguments are raging over which system sounds best, and, while Philips probably wins on paper, many argue that the difference is negligible for all but the most expensive hi-fi equipment or headphones.

A recent test of 160 audiophiles, conducted by two music psychologists at the Hanover Conservatory, found that only four could repeatedly identify whether music being played on similarly priced equipment came from a vinyl LP or compact disc.

At the moment, both DCC and Minidisc are similarly, and highly, priced. A personal stereo using either format costs from £350 to £400, though prices should halve within 18 months. The differential becomes less marked in higher-priced stereo systems where a £700 system using analogue cassettes can be turned into a digital one for a further £200.

As high prices become less of a problem, the trick will be to convince customers wanting a new stereo that they should choose between the two new formats rather than buying an ordinary cassette player or recorder. If one format establishes itself firmly, those who have bought the loser could find themselves with the modern equivalent of a Betamax video recorder.

As a way of trying to get their formats accepted, both Philips and Sony have approached car manufacturers in the hope of getting them into new cars. Because DCC has backwards compatibility, upmarket cars owners would not need to replace their existing collection of cassettes.

Sony has struck back by pushing the small size of the Minidisc which has enabled it to produce a unit the same size as a conventional car radio/cassette that can hold four discs at once.

An opportunity to see the latest hi-tech developments nearer home will come in just under two weeks at Live 93 at London's Olympia. It will be Britain's largest-ever consumer electronics fair. Running from Thursday, September 16 until Monday, September 20, tickets cost £7 each or £16 for a family of up to 2 adults and three children. The ticket number is 071-373 8141.



The voice-controlled video recorder and digital compact cassette were on show in Berlin this week

Mightier than the pen

A new personal organiser will soon be able to recognise the spoken word

According to some computer companies, everybody who has a Filofax will end up buying an electronic notepad — a pocket computer with the distinguishing feature that it will understand writing, not typing.

Not surprisingly, rivals producing more conventional electronic organisers and small portable computers argue that electronic notepads are heading for an embarrassing flop, and that the real future for pocket computers lies not with the pen, but the spoken word.

The handwriting recognition systems used in products such as Amstrad's Pen Pad and the forthcoming Apple Message Pad are technical triumphs, but their speed and accuracy are still limited and many observers believe buyers are unlikely to accept them until they improve significantly. By then, the future may instead lie with the most obvious form of communication possible: the voice.

"We don't believe the electronic pen is an effective method of communication," says David Potter, the founder and chairman of Psion, the company that originally made electronic organisers popular. "The benefits of voice recognition are actually huge. It is the way humans communicate. We really need computers to communicate as humans do and not vice versa."

Dr Potter argues that the secret of these types of product becoming popular is enjoyment. "A connection between a human and a machine has to have charm; it has to interact rapidly and slickly," he says.

"Pen-based systems don't have charm — it takes time to get things right and that is very frustrating. People just give up. I dare say that in ten years' time they will be viable and have charm."

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David Potter plans to introduce voice recognition for the Psion 3 computer

Sir Clive Sinclair, who introduced one of the earliest notepad computers, the Z88, five years ago, is not optimistic about such systems either. "The keyboard was invented to speed up data entry," he says. "If pen computers worked superbly well they might do, but information is quite difficult to enter. Voice makes much more sense."

At Hewlett Packard, which shares the bulk of the electronic organiser market with Psion, Joanne Talfourd-Cook, the personal computer product manager, says that pen technology is simply not yet ready. "We have pen-based products in the laboratory, but the technology has not got to the stage where it is efficient enough to meet our standards," she says.

> 'We don't believe the pen is effective'

The pen is useful as a pointer and little more at present, Ms Talfourd-Cook says. The problem is that effective voice recognition is even further away than acceptable pen interfaces.

So why the confidence that the electronic pen will fail and voice take over? The new electronic notepads have no keyboards, which means that if the handwriting recognition is not good enough for the average user, the whole device is useless. Voice recognition, on the other hand, can be added invisibly to a keyboard based machine. If the voice system fails to live up to expectations, people can still use the keyboard.

This is the strategy Dr Potter is adopting at Psion and this week he has introduced a new version of the Series 3 personal organiser. The immediate difference is that it has a larger screen and better software but the machine also contains a Trojan horse, in the form of a chip that can be used in the future for a voice recognition system.

This "codec" chip can translate analogue waves from a microphone into digital code for processing and storage by the computer. The chip also performs the same trick in reverse, giving the unit the potential to speak as well as listen.

At present, the voice system is little more than a novelty, but the potential is enormous. Dr Potter says: "In the year 2000 it will be goodbye to CDs — every music system will consist of one of these.

"We will have voice recognition for the device by the end of next year for simple control functions such as print or calculating two plus four, but we won't do full voice recognition on thousands of words for some time — there is quite a long way to go. In five years we might get there. The technical problem with voice recognition is on the same level as pen recognition."

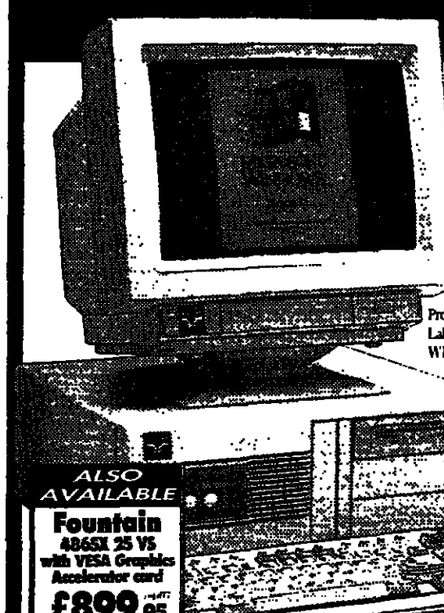
The unit will also eventually be able to use its sound system to "beam" information to other units, because it has a built-in modem feeding the speaker, transforming it into a sort of acoustic coupler.

True voice recognition has been demonstrated on full-size personal computers but not many of these are likely to be sold for some years. IBM has demonstrated a unit that can take dictation at 70 words a minute.

"Couple this with speech output, and you will be able to have a real conversation with your computer," Mr Nawrocki says. A personal organiser that talks back? No thanks.

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MOTORING

At last, a Volvo more exciting than a tuna sandwich

A large police motorcycle helmet loomed in at the driver's window and asked: "What's it like then?" Since I was stationary in a traffic jam at the time, eating a sandwich, and anticipating a lecture for not paying enough attention to the road, I opted for honesty: "It's tuna salad actually."

The officer tried again: "Not your lunch, the car. I've not seen one before."

All of which might be run-of-the-mill if the officer had been asking about the latest Ferrari, Alfa Romeo, or even Rover, but since the vehicle in question was a Volvo estate, silver, with roof rails and children's seats, it seemed natural to think a tuna sandwich would be of far greater interest. *Vaughan Freeman writes.* Yet a few miles on, in the middle of street-wise south London, a posse of youngsters turned to point and stare admiringly.

The street-gang stamp of approval shows, however unlikely it seems, that in the 850 estate, Volvo has finally done it, and produced an interesting car with image, and it turns heads.

As a veteran Volvo driver — my other car really is a ten-year-old 240 estate — 1993 was a sad year as Volvo announced it was ending production of the 240, long a favourite with grandfather-clock carrying antiques dealers, school-run mothers and owners of golden labradors.

To compensate for the demise of the 240, this year saw the launch of the 850 estate and it was this that drew the attention. The car looks almost lightweight compared with its predecessor, which has all the styling flair and sporting characteristics of an armoured personnel carrier. Two striking rows of lights climb up the rear pillars of the 850 to make it stand out. The innovation of SIPS, Side Impact Protection System, takes the idea of side beams in the doors a step further, and the system is designed to absorb and dissipate energy in a side-on collision to reduce of injury. A built-in child seat with three-point harness nestles in the middle of the rear seats.



Volvo 850 GLT: in competition with both BMW and Audi

For the first time in such a car, Volvo has mounted the engine transversely, and the car is front-wheel drive. There is a new engine, which comes in the two litre version and the 2.5 litre tested here, with automatic gearbox (an £860 optional extra), and which provided extraordinary performance from a marque not noted for producing cars that are fun to drive.

The estate car market is growing, with sales in Britain last year up to 24,264 from just under 19,000 in 1991. Almost half the estates sold last year in Britain were Volvos. Rival products, particularly sporting alternatives from BMW and Audi, are especially attractive to the typical estate driver, who, market research shows, is likely to be a 37-year-old affluent family man, with a keen sense of style and leisure. With such rivals threatening to make the market tougher for Volvo, the demise of the aging 240 and the birth of the 850 makes a lot of sense.

At next week's Frankfurt motor show, an estate car produced with the unlikely collaboration of the sports car company Porsche is to take pride of place on the Audi stand. The 163mph Avant RS2 accelerates from 0-60mph in under six seconds — a time few sports car can match. It was developed jointly by Audi and Porsche, and production begins next year. The RS2 may be an extreme example of how far, and how quickly, estate cars have come in just a few years from being seen only as slow, ugly load-luggers. Today they are sold as a vital piece of lifestyle. As a result, competition for Volvo is getting tougher.

Volvo marketing director Alexei Orlov says: "Our new estate will be competing head-on with recently introduced products from BMW and Audi and provides those who need the practicality of an estate, whether for family or leisure reasons, with a car that drives and handles like its saloon counterpart." Mr Orlov is unlikely to agree, but the estate also looks a lot better than its saloon counterpart. Volvo can take heart that there is at least one policeman who believes their new car is more interesting than a tuna sandwich.

THE FACTS

Engine: 2.5 litre petrol with automatic gearbox, giving 170bhp at 6,200rpm with front-wheel drive.
Performance: 131mph top speed and 0-62mph in 9.5 seconds.
Economy: 44mpg at 56mph.
Price: £22,255.

The new power behind the steering wheel

Old-fashioned car salesmen patronise women at their peril.

Vaughan Freeman on the financial clout of the female motorist

Women motorists, for so long patronised or, perhaps worse, simply ignored, by a motoring world dominated mainly by men, are taking a higher and more financially significant place in the thinking of the car manufacturers and retailers.

At the same time, motoring organisations are giving priority treatment to women drivers.

The reasons for this sea-change are two-fold. First, there are more women on the road. Figures released this week by the RAC show that there are now 12 million women drivers in Britain, twice the number of 12 years ago, while 51 per cent of the 900,000 people who passed their driving test last year were women.

Secondly, the car industry is waking up to the financial clout wielded by women, directly or indirectly in car buying, and to the fact that sales and service outlets are still predominantly staffed by men at a time when women are proving themselves as sophisticated as their male counterparts when it comes to motoring.

Now the times, belatedly, are changing as the industry adapts to meet and to anticipate the particular requirements of women motorists, not only when they are in their cars and driving, but also when they are buying the vehicles and considering having them serviced.

Next week, for example, Mercedes-Benz UK begins a practical driving course for its women staff that will cover motoring security and safety. Conceived by John Willis, a Mercedes-Benz chauffeur, the course will be run in conjunction with local police. Two hours after it was first publicised in-house, all 12 places had been taken. So great was the response, that the progress of the course will be watched closely with a view to expanding such courses throughout the company's dealerships and making them available to women customers.

> Women influence 80 per cent of car purchases, either as a buyer or by being consulted by a partner

Sue Colby, a Mercedes spokeswoman, says: "John is a member of the Institute of Advanced Motorists and of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, and when he asked whether we would be interested in running the course, we were very interested. But the response was a surprise. We had calls from outside the company asking about it and I think it would be a wonderful idea for our dealers to run their own courses, for women customers, through Mercedes-Benz."

Ford has just produced a booklet *The Driving Seat*, in conjunction with the GMTV programme *Sunday Best*, for women. The full-colour booklet covers car buying, finance, new technology, car safety and security, and after-sales service, as well as the benefits and draw-backs of diesel versus petrol. The booklet is available without charge from Ford dealers.

Graham Smith, Ford's merchandising manager, says: "More and more women are either buying cars themselves or are directly involved in the choice of the family car. It is vital that women are given the right information in order to get the best value for their money and the most out of their motoring."

Ford is following up the booklet with a nationwide Ladies Tour of its dealerships, aimed at providing more motoring information specifically for women.

Fresh research published recently by Cowies, the big vehicle dealership, shows that women influence 80 per cent of all car purchases, either buying the vehicle themselves or being consulted by their partners. Yet the research shows that only 9 per cent of women are prepared to visit a car showroom on their own. An overwhelming 86 per cent preferred to have a man with them when they ventured onto the forecourt. Having said that, one in four women felt that having a man along only exacerbated the situation. They then felt that showroom sales staff often ignored them and spoke exclusively to the men.



Motoring organisations and the police advise women against advertising the fact that they are waiting for help to arrive

Cowies has, as a result of the research, come up with a training programme to show a more friendly face and give jargon-free explanations of car performance and of after-care service agreements.

Those involved in the motoring industry's support services are also noticing and reacting to the trends in women's motoring. The RAC, for example, with 2.2 million female members, has a policy of giving priority treatment to women members travelling on their own. This policy has the support of 94 per cent of their women members.

Women, too, are are taking active steps to help themselves. In the past 18 months more than 42,000 women have attended RAC women's workshops.

The RAC this week held its RAC Racy Ladies Day at Silverstone, and, as Shirley Jones, the RAC spokeswoman, says: "Women are no longer second-class citizens on our roads."

Safety tips for women motorists:

☐ Fill up with fuel in daylight if possible.
☐ Make sure that tools are accessible and that you can use them.
☐ Have your car serviced regularly and check oil, water and tyres frequently.
☐ Know how to change a tyre and check that the wheel nuts are not too tight for you to remove.
☐ Park in busy, well-lit areas.
☐ Lock your car even if you are just leaving it to pay for fuel.
☐ Have keys ready when returning to your vehicle. Check for suspicious characters nearby and look through the windows to ensure nobody is inside.
☐ Lock doors when you are driving except on motorways when just the driver's door should be unlocked.
☐ Carry a torch and a man's coat or cap for night trips to alter your appearance in case of your car breaking down.
☐ Never pick up hitch-hikers.

Lightweight challenger to foil opposition

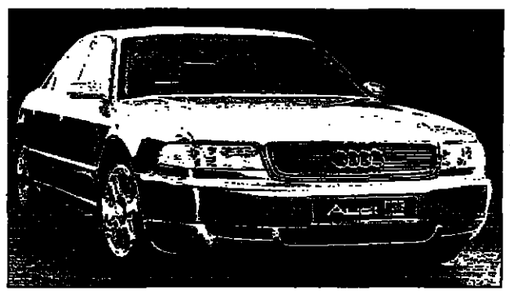
An aluminium car is to be displayed at the Frankfurt Motor Show next week

Strange though it may seem, it will soon be possible to drive a car made of (material usually found enveloping the Sunday roast, *Vaughan Freeman writes.*

The all-aluminium Audi will be unveiled at next week's Frankfurt Motor Show, but it is just one of the more unusual designs to be seen for the first time. The lightweight, recyclable aluminium body of Audi's ASF (Aluminium Space Frame) car makes it an exceptionally "green" car. The Frankfurt show car is thought to be very close to the Audi 300 luxury production saloon due for launch next spring. As well as being recyclable, the aluminium bodied car is far lighter and thus more fuel efficient, to please the economy-minded motorist as well as the environmental protectionists. A 3.4-litre V8 turbo-diesel engine further enhances fuel efficiency.

Earlier efforts at all-aluminium cars have foundered on worries over the vehicle's strength in an accident. Audi says it has mastered the difficulties, after ten years of research in partnership with the Aluminum Company of America (ACA) to develop new aluminium alloys and manufacturing processes. The car is up to 40 per cent lighter than a traditional steel-shelled car, and gives better rigidity in the "cage" that surrounds and protects the driver and passengers.

With cars, especially luxury vehicles, getting ever heavier to accommodate extra safety features and creature comforts, Audi believes aluminium may be the way to break the upward weight spiral.



The ASF, and the production Audi 300 that will evolve from it, can be mass produced, so cutting production costs. Audi concedes that processing aluminium is more energy intensive than processing steel, but maintains that this will be more than recouped in the longer term by the savings in fuel and recycling. There is one final advantage with an aluminium-bodied car: it offers no hiding place for rust.

Also at Frankfurt, Nissan will show off its futuristic designs for a sports car and for a family saloon. The AP-X sports car at least looks familiar, though the AQ-X — which stands for "Ambition with Quality" — saloon looks slightly lumpen and out of shape. The AP-X — "Attractive Performer" — sports car uses a newly-developed three-litre V6 engine which, Nissan claims, will have economy figures similar to existing two-litre sports cars.

Futuristic safety features in the AP-X sports car include on-board radar which can calculate the distance and relative speed of the vehicles in front, and monitors to measure driver drowsiness and to detect pedestrians in poor visibility.

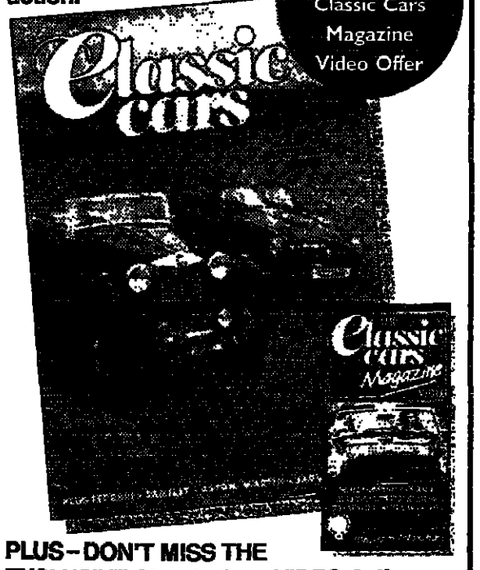
There is also a high-mounted rear-facing stop lamp which, though very visible to drivers behind, is in fact a hologram and so does not, like existing lamps which sit on the rear parcel shelf, affect visibility trough the rear window where it "appears" to be sited.

The AQ-X family car, designed for maximum interior roominess and aerodynamic efficiency, adds the possibility of carefree rush-hour motoring by offering an automatic "inching" system. Using on-board radar, this detects movement in traffic jams and controls the engine, power and brakes to move the car forward or bring it to a safe halt as and when the traffic inches forward. All the driver has to do is hold on to the wheel — though it cannot be long before a manufacturer finds a way of eliminating even that little chore, too.

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Ford offers full value from a write-off

A BURNT-OUT shell or crashed write-off is all some car-crime victims ever retrieve of their stolen car, on top of which comes the misery of discovering their insurance does not cover a new replacement. To cover the shortfall between the comprehensive insurance settlement and the original purchase price, Ford has developed a "new-for-old" insurance plan with AEGON Insurance UK.

David Flanigan of Ford Motor Credit says: "Many people forget that comprehensive motor insurance is not intended to cover the original purchase price. Once depreciation is considered, the customer faces the predicament of having to fund the gap between the insurance payout and the original price."

Manual change

THE revered Mini, now a third of a century old, is still selling so well in Japan that the Mini Owners Workshop Manual has been translated into Japanese. It is the first time one of the Haynes workshop manuals, grease-covered editions of which are to be seen under coffee mugs on almost every garage workbench, has been published in Japanese.



The Japanese version

Tow timing

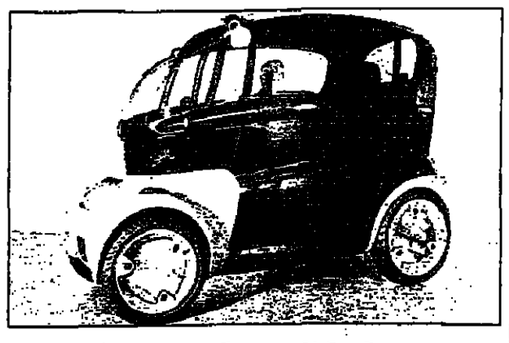
THE pulling power of Vauxhall has been proved again with the manufacturer taking five out of *Practical Caravan's* seven awards. The Cavalier Turbo 4x4 was the top towing car and also best large family car. Best diesel was the Carlton GL 2.3TD, best estate was the Astra SRi 2.0i. The Astra CD 2.0i hatchback was chosen by readers as the best small family car.

Quality awards

FOR the quality of build and the fewest owner complaints, Japanese vehicles still set the standards others strive for. In America, the authoritative J.D. Power quality survey evaluates problems per 100 cars during the first 90 days of their ownership.

The latest survey shows that Japanese brands report an average 94 problems per 100 cars, much fewer than American cars with 113 problems, and European cars with 128 problems.

The luxury Lexus from Toyota, with only 66 problems, and Toyota cars generally, with 74 problems, took the first and second places overall, with Mercedes-Benz the highest-placed European manufacturer, in eighth place.



The London rickshaw

THIS "European Rickshaw" (above), from Mazda, was built from a design by London Royal College of Art student Sotiris Kovos. The rickshaw, carries a fax machine, telephone and television, as well as a driver and two passengers. It could run on electricity, hydrogen or compressed natural gas, which are all being evaluated by Mazda as alternative fuels.

Arnold Ostle, Mazda research and development manager, says: "This is an exciting concept. We could see this type of vehicle in production."

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THE TIMES DEGREE VACANCIES SERVICE: ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

How the Vacancies Service works

Universities and higher education colleges are heading for another record intake, in spite of the government's move to restrict entry to arts and social science courses. The *Universities Central Council on Admissions* is now expecting to fill up to 10,000 more places than it did last year.

Almost 131,000 candidates had been accepted by the traditional universities yesterday, compared with 121,330 at the same stage in 1992. With 14,000 people still waiting to hear from admissions tutors and 12,000 still in clearing, the numbers are bound to rise.

Jeff Enderby, Ucca's head of external relations, said: "Some of the larger universities have obviously decided to press on with their expansion plans and some have had to honour offers made before the government's announcement. We have already seen more acceptances than there were in the whole of last year, and our latest guesstimate is a final total of 139,000 places."

The whole operation has been bigger this year. Although the number of successful applications has gone up, there have also been 12,000 more rejections. More went into clearing, and almost 1,500 have secured a place that way, compared to little more than 1,000 this time last year.

Yet only 200 of the 129,000 candidates eligible for clearing through the Polytechnics and Colleges Admissions System had been placed by Wednesday, compared with 600 at the same point in 1992. Officials expected the numbers finding a degree place through clearing in the new universities to drop.

The number of engineering and technology courses listed in *The Times* Degree Vacancies Service is holding up well. The subjects tend to be among the last to fill up, and many of the courses should have vacancies throughout the clearing period. Some universities, such as Surrey, have come out of clearing because all their courses are now full, but others are still joining the *Times* service. Courses at Glamorgan University, for example, appear for the first time today.

A number of universities still have places on the conversion courses which cater for students with an arts background who want to take up engineering. Teesside University, for example, was one of the first into the field with a five-year course that has been growing in popularity. Modelled on a programme at *Harvey Mudd College, in California*, the course allows students to transfer to a Higher National Diploma after a year or to go onto a variety of engineering degrees.

Two years ago, only 20 students joined the course, but Teesside expects to exceed its 1992 intake of 88. So far, pass rates have been encouraging and the course is proving popular with local companies, as well as students.

All the courses listed had vacancies yesterday. The codes following each university or college name are those appearing in the UCCA or PCAS handbook for 1993 entry. Where a figure appears in brackets, it gives the institution's estimate of the number of A-level points required for entry.

Points are calculated on the normal UCCA scale, using a maximum of three A-levels. An A grade is worth ten points, B eight, C six, D four and E two. An A grade at AS-level counts as five points, B four, C three, D two and E one.

Most new universities and colleges of higher education do not publish predicted entry requirements. Candidates with other qualifications should contact the university to establish course requirements. The courses are listed under subject headings, and combined subject degrees may appear in more than one section. Full details of each course are contained in the UCCA and PCAS handbooks.

Any applicants who were not offered a place by the end of last week will have been sent clearing instructions by the two admissions bodies. The process is also open to new applicants. Neither UCCA nor PCAS allocates places, but both can be contacted in the event of problems with a clearing application. Enquiries about specific courses should be addressed directly to the university or college.

● The *Times* listings are compiled from universities' own returns. Not all institutions are included because some provide information to the admissions bodies and official agencies only. Tomorrow we return to the arts and social sciences.

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City: H420 (16), H412 (24), H400 (18)
Cranfield (RMCS): H420 (14)
Glasgow: H400 (14) HHK5 (14), HHL5 (14)
Liverpool: H425 (12)
London, Queen Mary & West: H400 (12), *H4R1 (12), H4R2 (12), H4R4* (12) J5H4 (8), HH45 (12)
Manchester: H400 (22), H401 (22), H420 (22)
Salford: H400 (12)

AGRICULTURAL ENG
Cranfield (Silsoe): H330
Newcastle: H330 (12)

BUILDING
Bath: K224
Liverpool: K240
London, UC: K200 (12)
Reading: K220, (14)
Strathclyde: K220 (18)
Ulster: K200 (14)

CERAMICS
Leeds: J300 (12)

CHEMICAL ENG
Bath: H800 (20)
Bradford: H890, H893, H894, H800, H891, H892, H803
Edinburgh: H800 (18)
Leeds: H800 (18), H862 (12), H8F9 (18), H850 (12)
London, UC: H870 (20), H800 (20), H801 (20), H880 (20), H814 (20), H871 (20), H875 (20)
Newcastle: H800 (18), H801 (18)
Swansea: H890 (14)

CIVIL ENGINEERING
Bath: H201 (16)
Bradford: H291 (10), H223 (4)
City: H200 (12), H209 (20), H206 (12)
Cranfield (RMCS): H200 (12)
Glasgow: H200 (12), H2F6 (12)
Liverpool: H200 (12), H201 (12), HK23 (12), HJ26 (12), H220 (12), *H221* (6)
London, UC: H200 (22), H201 (18)
Manchester: H200 (18), H201 (18), H210 (18)
Queen Mary & West: H200 (12), H201 (14), H2N1 (10), H2NC (8), H2R1 (12), H2R2 (12), H2R4 (12)
Salford: H200 (10), H2T2 (10)
Strathclyde: H2T2 (18), H200 (18)
Swansea: H200 (12)
Ulster: H200 (18)
UMIST: H201 (16), H220 (16), H225 (16), H2N8 (16)

ELECTRICAL ELECTRONIC ENG
Bath: H580 (16), H620 (16), HH56 (16)
Birmingham: *HH56* (20)
Bradford: HHM6 (10), H695 (12), H696 (10), HH56 (12), H690 (12), H694, H605 (12), H606 (12), H691 (22), H692 (22), H693 (22), HH59 (12)
City: H6H5 (12), H6HN (20), HH56 (8), H610 (12)
Cranfield (RMCS): H600 (14)
Edinburgh: HH56 (18)
Glasgow: GH5P (14), FH36 (14), H616 (14), H6F3 (14), HH56 (14)
Hull: H694 (10), H611 (10), H621 (12), H631 (12), H651 (12), H6F3 (12), HH36 (12)
Keele: CH46 (12), GH16 (12), FH65 (12), CH76 (12), FH16 (12), FH36 (12), HN61 (12), HW63 (12), GH56 (12)
Kent: H605 (4), H600 (8)
Leeds: H600 (12), H6H5 (12)
Leicester: H580
Liverpool: H691 (12), HH56 (12), H580 (12), H581 (12), H585 (8), *H500 (12), H600 (12), H630 (12)*
London, Kings: HH36 (18), HH56 (18), HH57 (18), HH65 (18), H602 (18)
London, UC: H609 (18), HH65 (18), *HH6M (18), HHPM (18), H6GM* (18), H6G5 (18), H6N1 (18), H673 (18), H604 (18)
Newcastle: HH56 (8), HHM6 (8), H600 (8), H601 (8)
Nottingham: HH56, H6RZ, H6R4, H6R8, H600, H6RC, H6RF, H6RK, H6RV
Manchester: HH56 (8), HHNP (8), HH5M(8), H580 (8), HHM6 (20) H600 (8), H604 (8), H602 (8), H601 (8), H611 (8), H605 (8), H603 (8), H606 (8), HH35 (18), H7N1 (18)
Queen Mary & West: HH36 (16)
Reading: H600 (14), H601 (10)
Salford: HH56 (8), H620 (8), H671 (14), H600 (8), H610 (8), H6N1
Strathclyde: HH53 (22), HH56 (16), *HH5P* (16), HH5Q (16), HH65 (16), HH6M (16)
Swansea: H6H5 (14)
UMIST: H6R1 (18), HH36 (18)
UEA: H602 (12), H608 (10), H6N1 *(12)*, *H605* (20)
Wales, Cardiff: HH56 (14)

ELECTRONICS
Birmingham: H601 (16)
Edinburgh: H617 (18)
Essex: H600 (12), H601 (12), H605 (22), H630 (8)
London, King's: H602 (18), H610 (18), H611 (18), H621 (18), HH36 (18)
London, Royal Holloway: H6N1 (14)
Newcastle: H617 (8), H616 (8)
UMIST: H635 (18)
Ulster: H616 (14), F245 (12), F240 (14)

ENGINEERING
City: Y636 (14)
Edinburgh: H100 (18)
Exeter: J120, J100, F605
Leeds: H850 (12), *H862* (12), *HH36* (18)
Leicester: H106 (12), H101 (8), H100
Liverpool: BF92 (12), H100 (12), H1N1 (12), H102 (8), H1ND (8)
London, Imperial: JF52 (14), JF5F (18)
London, UC: H130
Manchester: H2K1 (18), H2KC (18), J940 (18), J941 (18)
Queen Mary & West: H100 (10), H106 (10), H1F9 (10), H1N1 (10), H1R1 (10), H1R2 (10), H1R4 (10), J976 (6)
Salford: H6B8 (8)
Strathclyde: H1N1 (18)
Reading: H100 (14), H101 (10)
UMIST: H101 (18)
Ulster: H110

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING
Cranfield (Silsoe): H355
Hull: H694 (10)
Leeds: H8F9 (18), H8FX (12), J1F9 (14)
Liverpool: K240 (12), HK23 (12)
London, Imperial: H255
Newcastle: H255 (12)
Strathclyde: J972 (18)

ENGINEERING AND BUSINESS STUDIES
Bradford: H893, H605 (10), H392 (12)
Liverpool: H1N1 (12), H1NC (12), H1T2 (12), H1ND (8)
Queen Mary & West: H1N1 (10), H2N1 (10)

GENERAL ENGINEERING
Leicester: H100 (12)
UMIST: H101 (18)

INFORMATION SYSTEMS
Cranfield *(RMCS): H631 (12), H630* (12), GN51 (10)
Hull: G560, G530, GH56
Kent: H610 (8)
London, King's: G500 (18), G520 (18), G521 (18), G522 (18), G536 (18), G5H6 (18), G5HQ (18), G5NC (16)
Salford: G5N1 (14), G5R1 (14), G5R2 (14), G5T4 (14)
UMIST: G560 (16)
Wales, Aberystwyth: P201 (18)

MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING
Bradford: H705 (8)
Hull: H764 (10)
Leeds: H780 (18)
Liverpool: HH17 (12)
London, King's: H710 (18)
Manchester: H402 (22), H7N1 (18)
Salford: H700 (8)
Strathclyde: H780 (20), H1N9 (16)
UMIST: H7N1 (24), H716 (20)
Ulster: H780 (14)
Wales, Cardiff: H716 (14)

MARINE ENGINEERING
Glasgow: HJ36 (10)
Liverpool: HJ26 (12)
London, UC: HJ36 (20), J645 (18)
Newcastle: H350 (16), H351 (16), J620 (10), J621 (10), J600 (10), J601 (10, J610 (10), J611 (10)
Strathclyde: J610 (20), J600 (20)

MATERIALS, ENG, SCIENCE, TECH
Leeds: J500 (12)
Liverpool: F200 (12), F2H6 (12), BF92, J520 (8)
London, Imperial: JF52 (14), JF5F (18)
Manchester: J220 (12)
London, Queen Mary & West: J550 (8), JSC1 (8), J5H4 (8)
Swansea: J500 (12)
UMIST: J220 (12), J2B9 (12), J560 (16), J5N1 (16), J5R2 (16), J5R1 (16), J5H6 (18)

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Bradford: H300 (8), H392 (8), H390 (8-12), HH7J (10), HH73 (10), H393 (12), H705 (16), H706 (16), H303 (4)
City: H300 (12), H390 (24)
Cranfield (RMCS): H300 (14)
Edinburgh: H300 (CCC)
Glasgow: H300 (12), HH37 (12), HH36 (12)
Leeds: H3N1 (18), H300 (18)
Leicester: H300 (12)
Liverpool: *H300 (12), H301 (12),* H3N1 (12), H3NC (12), HH37 (12), HH73 (12), H310 (8)
London, UC: H300 (20), H340 (18), H301 (20)
Manchester: *H300 (18), H301 (18),* H302 (18), HH35 (18)
Queen Mary & West: H300 (12), H320 (12), H3R1 (10), H3R2 (10), H3R4 (10), HH36 (10)
Reading: H300 (14), *H301* (10)
Salford: H300 (8)
Strathclyde: HH53 (22), H300 (18), H3H6 (18), H3J9 (18), H3J2 (18), H3H4 (18), H716 (20), H301 (20)
Swansea: H300 (14)
UMIST: HJ35 (18), H300 (18)
Wales, Cardiff: H700 (14)

METALLURGY
Leeds: J200 (12)
Liverpool: J200 (12)
Manchester: J200 (12)
Strathclyde: J200 (18)
UMIST: J200 (12)

MINERALS
Leeds: J120 (12), J122 (4)
London, Imperial: H255 (20)

MINING
Exeter: J100
Leeds: J100 (12)
London, Imperial: J100 (14)
Nottingham: J100

PETROLEUM ENGINEERING
London, Imperial: J171 (20)

POLYMERS
Manchester: J447 (12)
Queen Mary & West: J400
UMIST: J447 (12)

SURVEYING: BUILDING
Reading: K260 (20)

SURVEYING: QUANTITY
Bath: K280 (16)
Reading: K280 (20)
Ulster: K280 (18)

TECHNOLOGIES
Essex: F3N1 (8)
Glasgow: H111 (8)

TEXTILES
Leeds: NJ14 (14), J460 (12), J446 (12), W324 (16)
UMIST: J4N1 (16), J4W2 (18), J4NY (18), J4ND (16), J4T9 (16), J4NC (16), J4N9 (16), *J449* (16), *J4TX* (16)

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AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING
Coventry: H400
Hertfordshire: H400, H408, H430, H438
Humberside: H400, H620
Kingston: H400
NE Wales Inst: H400 (2), H420 (2)
Univ of W England: H420

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
Westminster: G590

BUILDING/ CONSTRUCTION
Buckinghamshire: *K299*
Central Lancashire: K201, K260
Coventry: H260, H2T2
De Montfort: K214 (10)
De Montfort (MK): K100 (14)
Dundee Inst: K250 (4)
Glamorgan: K200
Glasgow Caledonian: K290
Greenwich: KN21
Hertfordshire: KN2C
Luton: Y400, K201
Leeds Metro: K250
Middlesex: KN21
Nene Coll: K200
Northumbria: K200
Nottingham Trent: K200
Oxford Brookes: K200
Plymouth: K100
Robert Gordon: K100
Sheffield Hallam: K472
Southampton Inst: K252, K258
South Bank: K252, K258, K202, K2H7
Univ of W England: K200, K252
Westminster: K236, K200, K472
Wolverhampton: KN28

BUILDING SERVICES ENGINEERING
Coventry: K2T2
Hertfordshire: K240, K248
Northumbria: K240
South Bank: K240

BUSINESS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Buckinghamshire: G562
Central Lancs: GN51
Cheltenham & Gloucester: M9G5
De Montfort: G561
Greenwich: G932
Kingston: G562
Luton: Y400
N London: Y100, G5N1
Southampton Inst: G562, G568
Staffordshire: G562
Teesside: G562

CERAMICS
Staffordshire: FJ13, FJ33, FJ36, HJ36, J320, JG34, JG35

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
Glamorgan: H800
Huddersfield: F1H8
South Bank: H800, H808
Teesside: H800

CIVIL ENGINEERING
Brighton: H200 (12)
Coventry: H260, H2T2, H208
Dundee Inst: H200 (10)
Glamorgan: H200, H201
Glasgow Caledonian: H200
Greenwich: H200
Hertfordshire: H200, H208
Kingston: H200
NE Wales Inst: H200 (2)
Nottingham Trent: H208
Oxford Brookes: H200
Plymouth: H200
Portsmouth: H200
Sheffield, Hallam: H200
Sunderland: H201
Teesside: H200
Westminster: H200
Wolverhampton: HN28, H263, H2N1

COMBINED STUDIES (ENGINEERING)
Coventry: H100
De Montfort: Y400
Derby: HF19
Hertfordshire: Y100
Luton: Y400
N London: Y100
Teesside: H108
Wolverhampton: Y600 (CD), (CS), (DT), (DY), (SE), (MA)

COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING
Coventry: H620
E London: H620
Glamorgan: H620
Greenwich: H620
Humberside: H520
N London: H62A, H620
Nene Coll: G560
Northumbria: H620
Plymouth: H620
Portsmouth: H620
Robert Gordon: H620
Salford Coll: H998
Staffordshire: H620, H628

COMPUTER-AIDED ENGINEERING
Buckinghamshire: H161
Glasgow, Caledonian: H161
Sheffield, Hallam: H161
South Bank: H161
Staffordshire: H110, H118, H161
Wolverhampton: Y600 (CD), GW52

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY
De Montfort: G500
E London: H610
Greenwich: GH66, *H620*, G501, G500, G700, H610, H620
Oxford Brookes: G501
Robert Gordon: H610
South Bank: H580
Swansea Inst: H610
Teesside: H611
Univ of W England: G534
Westminster: H611

CONTROL ENGINEERING
E London: H610
Westminster: H640

DIGITAL SYSTEMS ENGINEERING
Luton: G532
Sunderland: H611
Univ of W England: H660

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
Brighton: H580 (4)
Coventry: H580
De Montfort: H500
Dundee Inst: H500 (4), H580 (4)
E London: H580
Glamorgan: H580, H58A
Greenwich: H580, H588
Hertfordshire: H580, H588
Humberside: H100
Leeds Metro: H580
NE Wales Inst: H580
Nottingham Trent: H580, H588
Plymouth: H580
Portsmouth: H580
Robert Gordon: H580, H581
South Bank: H580, H588, H512
Staffordshire: H501, H508, H500
Sunderland: H580
Teesside: H500

ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING
Brighton: H580 (4)
Central Lancashire: H600
Coventry: *H580*
De Montfort: H600
Dundee Inst: H600, H580 (4)
E London: H580
Glamorgan: H580, H600, H620, *H58A*
Greenwich: H580, H588 H609
Glasgow Caledonian: H600
Hertfordshire: H580, H588
Humberside: H520
Leeds Metro: H580
Middlesex: H600
NE Wales Inst: H580
N London: H620
Northumbria: H611, H692, H580, H620
Oxford Brookes: H580
Plymouth: H603
Portsmouth: H611, H580
Robert Gordon: H620, H610, H580, H581
Sheffield Hallam: H660, H669
South Bank: H580, HST2
Staffordshire: H600, H601, H608
Sunderland: H580
Swansea Inst: H600, H580
Teesside: H600
Univ of C England: H600, H608
Univ of W England: H600
Westminster: H600

ELECTRONICS
Cardiff Inst: H601
Central Lancashire: H699, H588
Coventry: H640
Dundee Inst: H680, F3H6
Glamorgan: H601, HN61
Gwent: H642 (4)
Hertfordshire: B800, B808, Y100
Kingston: H603, H6G5
Middlesex: HN61
N London: H600
Nottingham Trent: GH56
Oxford Brookes: H600
Plymouth: HN61
Southampton Inst: H6N1, H6NC
Staffordshire: FH16, FH63, FH66, GH46, GH56, HJ36, HL68
Swansea Inst: J999
Thames Valley: HN61

ENERGY STUDIES
Coventry: H599, HJ99
Glamorgan: FJ99

ENGINEERING
Bournemouth: H699
Central Lancashire: H308
De Montfort: H100
Dundee Inst: H100
Hertfordshire: H121
Oxford Brookes: H100
Plymouth: H390, H100, H108, H101, H199
Portsmouth: H100, H603, H770, H612, H108
Robert Gordon: H611
Salford Coll: H199 (10), H780, H611
Sheffield Hallam: F399, H391, H999
Southampton Inst: J950, J958
Staffordshire: H770
Univ of C England: H100, H1R2, H108

ENGINEERING PRODUCT DESIGN
Sheffield Hallam: H161, H130
South Bank: H770, H778
Staffordshire: *H778*
Sunderland: HN71
Swansea Inst: H770
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Univ of C England: H770

ENGINEERING SYSTEMS
Plymouth: H611
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ENGINEERING WITH BUSINESS STUDIES
Bournemouth: H120
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ENGINEERING WITH MODERN LANGUAGES
Univ of C England: H6R2

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING
Brighton: *H250 (12)*
Dundee Inst: F910 (4)
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FOOD TECHNOLOGY
Sheffield Hallam: N700
South Bank: H810, *N788*

FOUNDATION ENGINEERING
Brighton: H108
Central Lancs: H308
Kingston: H108
Sunderland: H108
Univ of W England: H108

INDUSTRIAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Central Lancashire: G580
De Montfort: N1H7
Univ of C England: G568
Westminster: H120

INDUSTRIAL STUDIES
Nottingham Trent: N611, N618
Sheffield Hallam: N611

INFORMATION SYSTEMS
Buckinghamshire: G569
Coventry: H610
Derby: B995, G561
E London: G561
Glamorgan: G561, G560
Glasgow Caledonian: G561
Greenwich: G561
Luton: G582
Nene Coll: G599
Plymouth: GF52
Sheffield Hallam: G561, G564
Staffordshire: G561, G5R1, G5R2, G5R4, *GV54*, MG95, *N111*
Teesside: H640
Univ of C England: G560
Westminster: H610

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
De Montfort: G560, G562
Glamorgan: G564
Glasgow Caledonian: FJG5
N London: G560
Sheffield Hallam: G599, H560, H563
South Bank: H580
Staffordshire: G560, G568
Sunderland: G560
Teesside: G560

INTEGRATED ENGINEERING
Nottingham Trent: H100, H108
Portsmouth: H1N1
Sheffield Hallam: H100
Sunderland: H110

MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING
Cardiff Inst: H7N1
Coventry: H780, H700
E London: H781, H780
Glamorgan: H700, HF79
Glasgow Caledonian: NH17
Greenwich: H110
Hertfordshire: H780, H788
Kingston: H780
Leeds Metro: H780
Middlesex: H780, H7N1, HN71
NE Wales: H716 (4), H780 (2), H7N1 (2)
Northumbria: *H780*
Nottingham Trent: H700, H708
Plymouth: H782
Portsmouth: H706
Salford Coll: H100, H780, H703
Staffordshire: H7N1, *H7N6, H788*
Sunderland: H788
Teesside: HN71
Univ of C England: H7N1, H7N8
Univ of W England: H110
Wolverhampton: H780, HN73

MARITIME ENGINEERING
Southampton Inst: F910, F918, F900, F908, N960, N968, J699, J698

MATERIALS STUDIES
Greenwich: JJ25
NE Wales Inst: J500
Nene Coll: J430
Northumbria: J500
Portsmouth: H770
Sheffield Hallam: J500, J510
Sunderland: J500

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Brighton: H300 (10)
Central Lancashire: H300
Coventry: H300
De Montfort: H300
Dundee Inst: H300
Glamorgan: H300, H700
Greenwich: H300, H308
Hertfordshire: H300, H308
Humberside: H100
Kingston: H300
Middlesex: H300
NE Wales Inst: H300
Northumbria: H300
Nottingham Trent: H300, H308
Oxford Brookes: H300
Plymouth: H300
Portsmouth: H300
Robert Gordon: H300, H399
Sheffield Hallam: H392
South Bank: H300, H308, H307
Staffordshire: H300, H308, H390
Sunderland: H300
Teesside: H300
Univ of C England: H300, H308
Univ of W England: H300
Westminster: H300

METALLURGY
Greenwich: JJ25

MICROELECTRONICS
Bournemouth: HG65
Kingston: F3H6
Middlesex: H6R7
Northumbria: H611, FH36
Salford Coll: H611

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Sheffield Hallam: H152

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Robert Gordon: H399

PLANNING
Coventry: K420, KY45
South Bank: K440, K448
Westminster: K460, K4R1, K4R2

POLYMERS/MATERIALS SCIENCE
Coventry: J440, F134
N London: J440

PRINTING
London Inst: J530

PRODUCTION/ INDUSTRIAL ENG
Derby: *H120*
Middlesex: H799
South Bank: HN71
Wolverhampton: H700

ROBOTICS
Plymouth: H6N1

SOFTWARE ENG
Central Lancashire: G530
Coventry: G530, GG1H
Glamorgan: G530
Sheffield Hallam: G530, G534
South Bank: G500
Staffordshire: G5RT, G5RD, G5RG, G530
Teesside: G530
Univ of C England: H610, H618
Univ of W England: G350
Westminster: G530

SURVEYING: BUILDING OR LAND
Brighton: K260 (12)
Glasgow Caledonian: K260
Greenwich: K260
Leeds Metro: K260
Luton: K260
Robert Gordon: K260
South Bank: K260, K268
Univ of C England: K260
Univ of W England: K260
Westminster: K260
Wolverhampton: K260

SURVEYING: ENG
Glamorgan: J152, CJ11, FJ91, FJ61, FJ31
Nottingham Trent: H263

SURVEYING: ESTATE
Nottingham Trent: K460

SURVEYING: QUANTITY
Central Lancashire: K280
Dundee Inst: K280 (4)
Glamorgan: K280
Greenwich: K280
Glasgow Caledonian: K280
Kingston: K280
Northumbria: K280
Nottingham Trent: K280
Robert Gordon: K280
South Bank: K280, K288
Staffordshire: K280
Univ of C England: K280
Univ of W England: K280
Westminster: K280
Wolverhampton: H623, K280

SYSTEMS ANALYSIS/MODELLING
Greenwich: G932
Sheffield Hallam: G932, G934

SYSTEMS DESIGN
Bournemouth: H600
E London: H600
Staffordshire: GP54

TECHNOLOGY/ TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT
Brighton: N1J9
Buckinghamshire: J501
Cardiff Inst: HN71
Coventry: FJ3N3, *H1N1*
Derby: J900
E London: G532
Harper Adams: EJ3N1
Humberside: H120, F199
Leeds Metro: H611
Middlesex: W420
Northumbria: H1N1
Oxford Brookes: H121
Plymouth: H680
South Bank: *H121, HN61, GJ59*
Southampton Inst: J999, HN71
Staffordshire: GN51
Sunderland: JN91, HN11

TEXTILES
De Montfort: W224, J461
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Southampton Inst: J610, J618

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Langer injury is worry for Gallacher

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN CRANS-MONTANA

FOR a century, visitors, ailing and otherwise, have found the Alpine air here revitalising, a balm for the soul. Yesterday, however, Bernhard Langer found it no cure at all for the pain in his neck and withdrew from the Canon European Masters after just seven holes.

It was not a day for withdrawing. It was calm and sunny, a day when the fit indulged themselves in a scoring orgy of birdies and eagles, and Langer, having won the German Open in commanding fashion last week, was doubly frustrated, knowing his game was in prime form.

His body, however, was not. The Masters champion was incapable of even a three-quarter backswing and, when he toed his drive off the 17th tee — "I almost missed it," he said — he knew he was wasting his time and, possibly, making his problem worse.

"It's the same thing I had at the US Open," he said. "I just woke up with it then and no one knows for sure what it is. I think it's a pinched nerve caused by a vertebra out of place. In the past, it's usually gone away after two or three days but last time it took three or four weeks to be better."

The Ryder Cup is only three weeks away and Langer was heading home to Germany in the hope of finding someone with a healing touch. "I wouldn't have started if there had been a reserve here or if it had been a Ryder Cup match," he said.

Ronan Rafferty, already on stand-by because of Sam Torrance's close encounter with a flowerpot while sleep-walking during the English Open two weeks ago, moved closer to red alert and has his instructions: "Be ready".

"It would be a big blow if Bernhard had to pull out," Bernard Gallacher, Europe's captain, said, "but hopefully he'll find out what is wrong and rectify it. I have every confidence he will take sensible steps to get fit again. He knows the stakes are high and Ronan knows the story."

On a more positive note, Nick Faldo, the world No 1 and a man whose aim is to win five points out of five against the Americans at the Belfry, did little wrong in a round of 65, seven under par. He shared the lead with Philip Walton, of Ireland, and Mats Lanner, of Sweden, one shot ahead of Colin Montgomerie and Peter Mitchell, with Sandy Lyle and Jamie Spence, the defending champion, in the group on 67.

Faldo, who started at the 10th, dropped two shots but an eagle three at the 15th and seven birdies, including three in a row to finish, left him satisfied and Walton, for one, in awe. "He only comes out once a month," the Dubliner said. "Incredible."

Walton was also a little bemused by his own round. He has missed the cut 14 times this season, failed to qualify for the Open Championship, lies 131st on the order of merit, yet went out in 30. "It was a lovely feeling to get six under par after nine," he said, singing the praises of the hickory-shafted, mallet-headed putter his father had given him.

An eagle three at the first — a drive and five-wood to eight feet — and a birdie at the second, where he holed from three feet, raised Walton's spirits to a level he had almost forgotten. He also birdied the fifth, seventh and ninth but was a little less inspired coming home, with only one birdie, at the 17th.

Montgomerie, who should have won the title last year, was altogether more mercurial. He began at the 10th and ran up two bogeys (and a birdie) in his first four holes. Then came the first of three eagles in six holes. He hit a drive and three-wood to five feet at the par-five 14th; drove 310 yards on to the 16th green and holed from 20 feet for a two; and at the first, another par five, hit a drive and three-iron to 10 feet.

A double bogey five at the third and a bogey five at the fourth, interrupted the flow but the Scot hit back with three more birdies. "A 59 is definitely on," he said, his eyes gleaming at the thought of the gold putter, worth £50,000, on offer for such a feat.

Montgomerie's game is in great shape, he said, but Mitchell, alongside him on 66, was less sanguine. He has a couple of troublesome knees — surgery awaits at the end of the season — and feels over-golfed. He had seven birdies, however, and the par of the day, at the 569 yard 14th, where he was in the trees twice but holed from 40 yards, out of a bunker, for his five.

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES

GB and Ire unless stated

65: M Lanner (Swe), N Faldo, P Walton
66: P Mitchell, C Montgomerie.
67: C Cassells, A Lyle, J Spence, G Levenson (SA), B Malley (US), A Binaghi (It), M A Jimenez (Sp), R Clark.
68: P Lawrie, T Giedeon (Ger), C Moody, J Van de Velde (Fr), A Hunter, S Luna (Sp), J Robson, P Fulke (Swe), D Ray, D A Russell, J Quiros (Sp), S Richardson, W Westner (SA), D Smyth, S Grappasonni (It).
69: P Curry, J Coceres (Arg), T Level (Fr), P Estes, G Orr, S Ray (Switz), J Hawkes (SA), G Ralph, R Claydon, G Hjerstedt (Swe), D Clarke, J Hobday (SA), J McHenry, A Labouc (Fr), (a) F Valera (Sp), P McGinley, S McAllister, B Lane, P O'Malley (Aus), R Chapman
70: J Rystrom (Swe), R McFarlane, R Hartmann (US), D Williams, D R Jones, D Curry, R Lee, T Pernice (US), B Marchbank, M Farry (Fr), M Sunesson (Swe), V Fernandez (Arg), J Robinson.
71: M Hallberg (Swe), M Clayton (Aus), (a) J Cioia (Switz), M Gates, J M Carriles (Sp), J Berenci (Arg), O Seltberg (Swe), C Mason, N Henning (SA), I Garbutt, D Hospital (Sp), I Palmer (SA), G Day (US), P-U Johansson (Swe), J Rivero (Sp), O Eskildsen (Den), M Besanceney (Fr), M Krantz (Swe), S Struver (Ger), S Tinning (Den), A Murray, E Romero (Arg), S Ballesteros (Sp), U Zilg (Ger).

BARRY GREENWOOD



Lora Fairclough, of England, escapes cleanly from a bunker at the 9th hole in the English Open at The Tytherington Club yesterday

De Lorenzi discovers skill of old to forge early lead

BY MEL WEBB

JUST over a year ago, Marie-Laura de Lorenzi decided that her golf swing needed a complete overhaul. She calmly took it to pieces; examined every working part and painstakingly put it back together.

Yesterday, she proved how well the Mark II model was working by producing a round of 67 to take the lead in the Waterford Dairies Ladies' English Open at The Tytherington Club, Cheshire.

De Lorenzi, from Biarritz, owes the reconstructed method to Joachim Sierra, the professional at El Prat, near Barcelona, to which she is attached. "When it's working well, I play much better," she said. "My short game is much more consistent."

That, coming from one of the best players in the world on and around the green, is quite a compliment to Senor Sierra. He has given his pupil a new grip, stance, backswing and follow-through, which prompted somebody to ask if there was anything left of the old swing.

A slightly weary smile suggested she had been asked the question a hundred times. That one small grimace gave a hundred answers. Not a word was needed.

De Lorenzi, who leads Sofia Gronberg by a shot, birdied the 1st with a six-iron to 12 feet and a single putt. She holed a 25-footer for another birdie at the 5th and picked up further strokes at the 7th and 9th to reach the turn in 32. She dropped a shot at the 12th, when she three-putted from 20 feet, but almost had a hole in one at the short 13th, when her seven-iron pulled up a foot from the cup.

Putts from 12 feet and six feet at the 15th and 16th put her six under par and not even a missed green and subsequent bogey five on the last took the gloss off a round that harked back to her great years of the late Eighties.

Gronberg, a tall Swede, who has been fit for only a couple of months following chronic neck and shoulder problems, also had four birdies in completing the front nine in 32. A mishit second shot on the 10th led to her first dropped shot of the round but she then birdied the 12th, 13th and 15th.

She seemed to be heading for the lead at that point, at six under par, but was denied it when she put her drive into water on the closing hole and finished with a double-bogey six.

The dreaded 18th also cast its blight on Laura Davies, the champion and favourite. Only 73 yards from the flag off the tee, she found herself on a rock-hard lie, made a mess of her second, chipped from the front of the green and two-putted for a bogey five and a 71. Remarkably, it was her first bogey in 43 holes of consistently accurate golf. Nick Faldo, eat your heart out.

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES

GB and Ireland unless stated

67: M-L de Lorenzi (Fr). 68: S Gronberg (Swe).
70: R Lautens (Switz).
71: D Barnard, A Sorenstam (Swe), L Davies, S Prosser, D Petrizzi (US).
72: S Bennett, C Soutes (Fr), J Soulsby.
73: J Hogg, A Arruti (Sp), F Dalton, S Nicklin, J Hill.
74: M Garner, P González (Col), L Maritz-Atkins (SA), R Hast, R Comstock (US), K Espinasse (Fr), J Germs (SA), C Hall, S Shapcott, C Dibnah (Aus), F Dassu (It), D Dowling, C Panton-Lewis.
75: S Van Wyk (SA), E Rundle, C Nilsmark (Swe), S Moon, M Burstrom (Swe), J Forbes, W Dicks, G Stewart, D Hanna, L Hackney, S Mendiburu, M De Boer (Holl), J Arnold, K Pearce.
76: K Nicholls, E Farquharson, A Shapcott, C Hjalmarsson (Swe), D Reid, L Fairclough, J Allmark (Swe), E-J Smith, T Smith, L Percival, T Johnson, K Orum (Den), V Palli (Fr), S Keogh.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

ROVERETO, Italy: Men: 100m: 1, B Surin (Can), 10.21; 2, D Ezinwa (Nigeria), 10.27. 400m: 1, S Kemboi (Ken), 45.64; 2, N Tellez (Cuba), 46.36. 800m: 1, G d'Urso (It), 1:45.86; 2, N Motchebon (Ger), 1:46.38. 110m hurdles: 1, E Valle (Cuba), 13.51; 2, I Kazanov (Lat), 13.53. 400m hurdles: 1, S Matete (Zam), 48.66; 2, O Tverdokhleb (Ukr), 49.41. High jump: 1, J Sotomayor (Cuba), 2.30; 2, T Kemp (Bel), 2.20. Women. 100m: 1 Privalova (Russ), 11.13.

BADMINTON

DELHI: World Cup: Men's singles: Group A: Park Sung Soo (S Kor) bt Pang Chen (Mal), 15-12, 15-3. J Supriarto (Indo) bt P Jentb (Fin), 15-4, 15-4. Group B: D Hall (Eng) w/o Wu Wenkai (China); R Sidek (Mal) bt G Chand (Indo), 15-8, 15-5. Group C: A Kusuma (Indo) bt S Kookasemkit (Thai), 15-7, 15-3; J Olsson (Swe) bt Ong Ewe Hock (Mal), 15-8, 7-15, 15-8. Group D: H Susanto (Indo) bt Kim Nak Kyun (S Kor), 15-7, 15-9; Lu Jun (China) bt A Nielsen (Eng), 15-2, 15-1. Women's singles: Group A: S Susanti (Indo) bt J Muggeridge (Eng), 11-3, 12-11. Group B: A Myamura (Japan) bt Z Abdullah (Sin), 7-11, 11-8, 11-2. Group C: Lu Yuhong (China) bt H Mizui (Japan), 10-12, 12-9, 11-3. Group D: M Timur (Indo) bt M Pawangadker (Indo), 11-4, 11-5.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Houston Astros 3, New York Mets 2; Philadelphia Phillies 4, Chicago Cubs 1; San Diego Padres 13, Florida Marlins 5; Pittsburgh Pirates 5, Los Angeles Dodgers 1; San Francisco Giants 3, Atlanta Braves 2; St Louis Cardinals 7, Cincinnati Reds 4; Montreal Expos 11, Colorado Rockies 3.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Milwaukee Brewers 7, Kansas City Royals 1; Toronto Blue Jays 8, Oakland A's 3; Seattle Mariners 9, Detroit Tigers 3; Chicago White Sox 5, New York Yankees 3; Texas Rangers 9, Boston Red Sox 7 (12 inns); Cleveland Indians 12, Minnesota Twins 7; Baltimore Orioles 6, California Angels 1.

BRIDGE

SANTIAGO, Chile: World championships: Men: Round-robin stage: Group A: 1, United States; 2, Holland; 3, Poland; 4, Brazil. Group B: 1, China; 2, Norway; 3, Denmark; 4, India. Women: Group A: 1, Sweden, 2, United States; 3, Germany; 4, Argentina. Group B: 1, Taiwan; 2, United States; 3, Venezuela; 4, Italy.

FOOTBALL

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Blackburn Rovers 1, Arsenal 1; Coventry City 1, Liverpool 0; Manchester United 3, West Ham United 0; Queens Park Rangers 2, Sheffield United 1; Sheffield Wednesday 3, Norwich City 3; Swindon Town 1, Manchester City 3; Tottenham Hotspur 1, Chelsea 1.
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: West Bromwich Albion 2, Southend United 2. Second division: Brighton and Hove Albion 0, Bristol Rovers 2; Reading 4, Barnet 1.
ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP: Preliminary round: Millwall 2, Charlton Athletic 2.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: Fourth round: Rangers 2, Aberdeen 1 (aet: 1-1 at 90min). SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP DRAW: Dundee United v Hibernian (at Tynecastle Park, Tuesday September 21), Celtic v Rangers (at Ibrox, Wednesday September 22).
EUROPEAN CUP: Preliminary round: Second leg: Cork City 2, Cwmbran 1 (agg 4-4; Cork win on away goals); Linfield 1, Dinamo Tbilisi 1 (Dinamo Tbilisi win 3-2 on agg); Floriana (Malta) 1, Ekranas (Lith) 0 (Floriana win 2-0 on agg); Norma Tallinn (Est) 0, HJK Helsinki (Fin) 1 (HJK Helsinki win 2-1 on agg); Beitar Jerusalem (Isr) 2, Zimbru Kishinyov (Moldova) 0 (Beitar Jerusalem win 3-1 on agg); SC Aarau (Switz) 2, Omonia Nicosia (Cyprus) 0 (SC Aarau win 3-2 on agg); Croatia Zagreb (Croatia) 6, Totta Torshavnar (Faeroe Islands) 0 (Croatia Zagreb win 11-0 on agg); Rosenborg (Nor) 1, Avenir Beggen (Lux) 0 (Rosenborg win 3-0 on agg); Akranes (Ice) 3, Partizani Tirana (Alb) 0 (Akranes win 3-0 on agg), Skonto Riga (Lat) 1, Olimpija Ljubljana (Slovenia) 0 (1-1 on agg, Skonto Riga won 12-10 on pens).
CUP-WINNERS' CUP: Preliminary round: Second leg: Apoel Nicosia 2, Bangor 1 (Apoel Nicosia win 3-2 on agg), Shelbourne 3, Karpaty Lvov 1 (Shelbourne win 3-2 on agg); Zalgiris Vilnius (Lith) 0, FC Kosice (Slovakia) 1 (FC Kosice win 3-0 on agg); Nemen Grodno (Belorus) 2, FC Lugano (Switz) 1 (Lugano won 6-2 on agg); Maccabi Haifa (Isr) 6, Dudelange (Lux) 1 (Maccabi Haifa win 7-1 on agg); MYPA Anjalankoski (Fin) 0, Valur (Ice) 1 (Valur win 4-1 on agg, will meet Aberdeen in first round); Lillestrom (Nor) 4, Nikol Tallinn (Est) 1 (Lillestrom win 8-1 on agg); OB Odense (Den) 0, Publikum (Slovenia) 0 (OB Odense win 1-0 on agg, meet Arsenal in first round).
DUTCH LEAGUE: FC Utrecht 2, FC Groningen 0; MVV Maastricht 1, Ajax 1.
FRENCH LEAGUE: Caen 1, Cannes 1; Lille 0, Nantes 0; Lyons 0, Martigues 0; Strasbourg 1, AS Monaco 1; Sochaux 1, Auxerre 0; Angers 1, Paris Saint-Germain 1; Marseilles 3, St Etienne 1; Metz 2, Lens 1; Montpellier 2, Le Havre 1.
GERMAN LEAGUE: SC Wattenscheid 2, VfB Stuttgart 4; Bayern Munich 3, VfB Leipzig 0; Borussia Dortmund 4, Dynamo Dresden 0; Hamburger SV 2, Bayer Leverkusen 1; FC Cologne 2, SC Freiburg 0.
PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: Barnsley 0, Oldham Athletic 2; Burnley 1, Manchester City 2.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Oxford United 7, Bristol City 2; Watford 1, Luton 5; Wimbledon 2, Arsenal 2. Second division: Cardiff City 2, Exeter City 5; Cheltenham 1, Bournemouth 3; Plymouth Argyle 0, Birmingham City 1; Swansea City 0, Yeovil Town 0, Torquay United 2, Hereford United 0.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Harrow 0, Chesham 4.
JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Soham Town 1, Wisbech 2.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Burnham 1, Waymouth 3.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Matlock 2, Boston 1.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Calne 0, Paulton 2.
WORLD UNDER-17 CHAMPIONSHIP (in Japan): Semi-finals: Ghana 3, Chile 0; Nigeria 2, Poland 1.

BOWLS

WORTHING: Open Tournament: Pairs: Fifth round: G Mundy and C Hayward bt D Wood and J Chubb, 22-14; D Harding and J Mackney bt M Jenkins and D Crudgington, 30-22; A Moore and P Line bt J Durrant and J Morley, 22-5; G Bridger and P Caswell bt R Taylor and P Hill, 19-18; S Guy and R Cresswell bt J Davies and A Mayne, 18-8; R Lupton and E Dennison bt G Archer and R Bennett, 22-13; R Crease and P Vermeulopoulos bt I Rudston and W Jones, 19-18; S Blackmore and E Lloyd bt A Wilson and F Brown, 19-11. Fours: Fourth round (skips only): J Mackney bt D Palmer, 25-17; E Dennison bt D Little, 18-10; R Riddout bt P Lundy, 29-16; P Hill bt T Moore, 20-9; P Line bt F Hewitt, 19-11; A Sparrow bt D Goldring, 23-20; B Dixon bt J Stevens, 20-15. E Garwood bt C Blinco, 17-12.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Old Trafford: Lancashire 238 (J E R Gallian 105, A M Smith 4-47). Gloucestershire 13-1.

ICE HOCKEY

SHEFFIELD: Olympic qualifying tournament: Great Britain 4, Latvia 8; Poland 6, Japan 4.

ROWING

ROUDNICE, Czech Republic: World championships: Qualifiers for finals after semi-finals: Men: Lightweight coxless fours: First heat: 1, Italy, 6:08.71; 2, Switzerland, 6:09.37; 3, United States, 6:09.97. Second heat: 1, Britain (C Bates, C Smith, T Key, T Hession), 6:08.85, 2, Australia, 6:08.28. Lightweight double sculls: First heat: 1, Australia, 6:25.58, 2, New Zealand, 6:26.63; 3, Poland, 6:27.89. Second heat: 1, Switzerland, 6:24.87; 2, Spain, 6:26.19; 3, Italy, 6:26.84 Lightweight coxless pairs: First heat: 1, Spain, 6:41.18, 2, Australia, 6:42.66; 3, Germany, 6:42.99. Second heat: 1, Italy, 6:47.00; 2, Russia, 6:47.77; 3, Denmark, 6:48.70. Coxless fours: First heat: 1, France, 5:58.39; 2, Canada, 6:00.58; 3, Germany, 6:00.88. Second heat: 1, United States, 5:58.28; 2, Poland, 6:00.15; 3, Britain (R Manners, B Hunt-Davis, S Larkin, P Obholtzer), 6:00.70 Double sculls: First heat: 1, France, 6:21.35; 2, Hungary, 6:23.60; 3 Germany, 6:23.98. Second heat: 1, Norway, 6:21.62; 2, Spain, 6:24.15, 3, United States, 6:25.05 Coxless pairs: First heat: 1, Britain (S Redgrave, M Pinsent), 6:28.33; 2, Germany, 6:29.86; 3, Croatia, 6:32.88. Second heat: 1, Slovenia, 6:27.66; 2, New Zealand, 6:29.48; 3, Belgium, 6:31.12. Lightweight single sculls: First heat: 1, P Aardewijn (Holl), 6:55.05, 2, S Hawkins (Aus), 6:56.48 3, J Mohr Ernst (Den), 6:59.30 Second heat: 1, P Heining (GB), 6:56.12, 2, N O'Toole (Ire), 6:56.34; 3, B Sweenor (US), 6:57.27. Single sculls: First heat: 1, T Lange (Ger), 6:56.39; 2, N Tage (Rom), 6:56.61; 3, S Fernandez (Arg), 7:02.10. Second heat 1, D Porter (Can), 6:51.39; 2, V Chalupa (Cz), 6:54.39; 3, G Calabrese (It), 6:57.27. Quadruple sculls: First heat: 1, Italy, 5:47.84; 2, Russia, 5:50.92, 3, Poland, 5:50.92. Women: Lightweight single sculls: First heat: 1, M Darvil (Can), 7:40.44; 2, T Zarzeczny (US), 7:41.65, 3, G Moschnitschka (Austria), 7:44.17. Second heat: 1, M Bloch (Den), 7:46.32. 2, L Vermulst (Holl), 7:47.38; 3, A Ferguson (Aus), 7:48.70. Single sculls: First heat: 1, M Brandin (Swe), 7:28.96; 2, T Hansen (Den), 7:29.24; 3, J Thieme (Ger), 7:31.77 Second heat: 1, M McBean (Can), 7:31.41 2, A Bredasi (Bel), 7:33.62, 3, C Ryder (US), 7:35.99. Second heat: 1, Germany, 5:48.58; 2, France, 5:49.82, 3, Ukraine, 5:52.18. Eights: 1, Germany, 6:15.85; 2, US, 6.18.16; 3, Belorus, 6.19.26, 4, Czech Republic, 6:26.78

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Hunslet 28, Doncaster 32.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Camp Hill 3, Moseley 24; Aye 3, West of Scotland 19; Broughton Park 17, Wigan 3; Coventry 18, Rugby 15, Currie 55, Edinburgh Wndrs 5. Jed-Forest 57, Langholm 3, Kelso 12, Hawick 21; Lydney 3, Gloucester 0; Melrose 26, Selkirk 8; Morley 3, Wakefield 12; Newcastle Gosforth 19, Tynedale 9; Northampton 81, Metropolitan Police 0; Peebles 24, Gala 52. Preston Grasshoppers 0, Waterloo 32; Redruth 6, Camborne 6; Watsonians 27, Stirling County 25; Aberavon Quins 11, Aberavon 18, Bridgend 34, Llanharan 17, Ebbw Vale 20, Tredegar 13, Pontypool 48, Gwent Police 8

SQUASH

WORLD RANKINGS: 1, Jansher Khan (Pak), 1,210,947 pts avge; 2, C Dittmar (Aus), 1,114,400, 3, R Martin (Aus), 708,158, 4, B Martin (Aus), 643,458; 5, P Marshall (Eng), 497,713, 6, R Eyles (Aus), 400,457; 7, R Norman (NZ), 394,942, 8, S Elopuro (Fin), 331,848; 9, C Walker (Eng), 331,748; 10, P Whitlock (Eng), 325,102.
SINGAPORE: Open championships: Men: Second round: C van der Wath (SA) bt D Harris (Eng), 15-11, 11-15, 15-13, 15-9, A Hall (Aus) bt S Frenz (Ger), 15-11, 15-6, 15-10, S Meads (Eng) bt Zubair Jahan Khan (Pak), 15-12, 15-11, 12-15, 12-9 (dec); P Nicol (Sco) bt M Carlyon (Aus), 12-15, 15-13, 15-5, 15-5; Zarak Jahan Khan (Pak) bt P Steel (NZ), 8-15, 10-15, 15-14, 15-11, 15-10; A Kirkland (Eng) bt W Werder (Can), 15-12, 15-7, 15-5, M Cairns (Eng) bt S Baker (Aus), 13-15, 15-7, 17-16, 15-7; Abdul Faheem Khan (HK) bt Amr Wagih (Egypt), 15-8, 17-14, 15-13 Women: First round: C Jackman (Eng) bt C Boncan (Phil), 15-3, 15-1, 15-2, S Warner (Eng) bt M Bell (Aus), 15-6, 15-8, 15-6; S Wright (Eng) bt Mah Li Lian (Sing), 15-3, 15-10, 15-6; R Macree (Eng) bt T Yoshino (Japan), 15-8, 15-6, 15-1

YACHTING

BURNHAM WEEK: Class 1: 1, Jamarella (A Gray), 2, Camp Freddie (G Peck); 3, Wet Lord IV (P J Tolhurst). Class 2: 1, Jambo (S Lovegrove); 2, Erotic Bear (L G Baker); 3, Thrust (M Strutin) Class 3: 1, Harmony (R G Tubbs), 2, Dizzy Lizzy (A Moncrieff), 3, Total Confusion (A Wise). Sigma 33: 1, Brave (R & C Brown); 2, North Eagle (R J King); 3, Upstart (J Smith). Class 4: 1, Needlework (J R Lord), 2, Fine Fettle (M Stubbs); 3, Doe Mescalito (J Langston) Dragons: 1, White Rhino (R Melville); 2, Hat Trick (M Holmes); 3, Logic (D Rycroft). Class 6: 1, Mr Bo Jangles (E Breavington); 2, The Hustler (J Kettley), 3, Bimbo (M Willet) Class 5: 1, D'Eleni (R Tickner); 2, Cheetah (A H Croker), 3, Eroica (C Swann). Classic Boats: 1, Star Fox (J Tribe), 2, Antares (P Savage); 3, Mischief (K A Fuller).
Results
KINGSTON, Ontario: International 14 world championships: Fourth race: 1, J McKee, C McKee (US), 2, J Turner, Z Elliott (GB); 3, I Walker, C Fox (GB); 4, M Lennon, D Parker (GB); 5, J Kidd, M Clarke (Can). Overall: 1, I Walker, C Fox 9.75pts, 2, T Robinson, B Grant, 11.75pts; 3, R Yeoman, J Eplett, 18.75; 4, C Stanley, I Roman, 26.5, C Lawens, J Simpson 32

WORD WATCH

Answers from page 40

TODA
(c) (A member of) a people of southern India, the language of this people, a Dravidian language closely related to Tamil; of or pertaining to this people. 1900: "On the clearances amid the dense and luxuriant primeval forest, or on the open grass-lands of the hill-tops, dwell a number of interesting aboriginal wild tribes, among whom the Todas and the Kotas are perhaps those whose names are the least unfamiliar to Europeans ears."
FULLEND
(a) To end fully, accomplish, complete, fulfil, OE *fullendian* = German *vollenden*, a portmanteau of *full* and *end*. 1398: "The Cycle and the Course of the Mone is fullended in the twentieth yere."
MACHISM
(b) The theories of Ernst Mach, the Austrian physicist and philosopher (1838-1916), especially his concept of empirio-criticism: "If we may define 'pure Machism' as a phenomenalism hostile to atomism and theoretical physics . . ."
CHAROSET
(a) A mixture of apples, nuts, spices, etc., eaten ceremonially at the Passover seder service, symbolising the clay mixed by the Israelites during their slavery in Egypt, from the Hebrew word for potter's clay: *Jerusalem Post*, 1959: "The *maror*, the bitter herbs, are dipped in an elaborately prepared paste of almonds, apples, wine and whatever else can contribute to making it sweet and sticky, the *haroset*."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

The black h-pawn is less secure than it looks: 1 Bxh6+! Ke8 (1 ... Nxh6 2 Qg7+ wins) 2 Bg7 Rg8 2h6 and the h-pawn will cost Black far too much material.

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CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship
Final day of four 11.0.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Northamptonshire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Yorkshire
TAUNTON: Somerset v Gloucestershire
THE OVAL: Surrey v Hampshire
HOVE: Sussex v Essex
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Lancashire
RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Colchester: Essex v Durham. Basingstoke: Hampshire v Surrey. Eltham: Kent v Middlesex. Old Trafford: Lancashire v Gloucestershire. Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Sussex. Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire. Bradford: Yorkshire v Somerset.

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Norwich v Brighton (7.30); Tottenham v Ipswich (2.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter championship
First division
Oldham v Bradford (7.30) ....

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIANISM: Three-day event (Burghley)
GOLF: English Women's Open (Tythenington); Collingtree seniors tournament (Northampton).
SPEEDWAY: First division B: Arena Essex v King's Lynn (8 0), Belle Vue v Bradford (7.30)
Second division B: Oxford v Peterborough (7.45); Scottish Open championship (Edinburgh, 7 15)

SPORT IN BRIEF

Dolphin doubtful without sponsor

MATTHEW Humphries and his Dolphin Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race crew look unlikely starters on September 25 after failing to secure a sponsor (Barry Pickthall writes). Paul Vernon, spokesman for the combined youth and disabled crew, said yesterday: "Without the money, the boat is not going to start. There is no question of the trustees putting their hands into their own pockets to fund the shortfall."

Lord Wade, chairman of the five-strong board of trustees, said: "We have been seeking a corporate sponsor for the past 18 months and, while there have been a number of potential meetings, nothing has come to fruition. We need to raise £350,000 to give the project a chance."

With only three weeks before the 16-strong fleet is due to leave Southampton, the group is looking for smaller donations to make up the shortfall. Belimo Automation has this week given £15,000 to buy three spinnakers.

Latvians defaulted

FOOTBALL: HB Havnar became the first team from the Faeroe Islands to reach the first round of a European club competition when they were handed a walkover against RAF Jelgava, of Latvia, who failed to turn up for the second leg of the Cup Winners' Cup preliminary round game in Toftir. Uefa, European football's governing body, awarded Havnar a 3-0 second-leg win to give them a 3-1 aggregate victory. Dense fog prevented the plane carrying the Latvian team from landing on Wednesday and they were diverted to Bergen. The match was rescheduled for yesterday but when the plane again failed to arrive, Havnar were given the tie.

Bristol coach resigns

RUGBY UNION: Bristol's coaching panel was reduced further yesterday by the resignation of David Robson. The first-division club, which parted company with last season's chief coach, Rob Cunningham, during the summer, is still seeking a replacement only eight days away from their first league match, against Bath, the champions. Robson, who joined Bristol from Bath in May last year, resigned for personal reasons. His departure leaves the coaching in the hands of Peter Johnson, the former Clifton centre, and David Alred, the specialist kicking coach.

All-round winner



CRICKET: Brian McMillan, right, took three wickets for 12 runs, hit his highest one-day score and held three catches as South Africa beat Sri Lanka by 124 runs in the second one-day international in Colombo yesterday. He hit 35 off 41 balls to help South Africa total 222 for seven. Sri Lanka were then dismissed for 98 and suffered their heaviest home defeat in a limited-overs game.

Paying by instalments

RUGBY LEAGUE: Oldham have survived a winding-up threat over their failure to meet contracts awarded to two players three years ago. Chris Eckersley and Paul Barrow signed on the understanding that they would become professionals on their seventeenth birthdays. But Oldham released them because they could not honour the contracts, believed to be worth around £80,000. "We have staved off a winding-up order by agreeing to pay the £20,000 television fee for our game against Bradford Northern as a first instalment on the contracts," the chairman, Jim Quinn said.

Saracens lift trophy

POLO: Jock Green-Armytage's squad, Saracens, beat Morgan Grenfell (received ½) 5-4½ to win the Morgan Grenfell Tracker Trophy at Smith's Lawn, Windsor Great Park, yesterday. It was an erratic encounter, in which the ponies showed signs of end-of-season fatigue and many many decisions were disputed unnecessarily. Morgan Grenfell fielded a well-attuned attacking force in Matthews, Hine and Fewster, but the most effective goal-scoring partnership was Charles Beresford and Tim Stakemire, Saracens' central pair.

Izatt takes command

YACHTING: A steady Force 4 on the sixth day of Burnham week yesterday contrasted with the light airs of the early part of the week. Mike Owers was one of many who went aground at the start-line, losing the advantage in the Sonata fleet class and letting Peter Izatt and Bruce Burnett get well away. Izatt now has a commanding lead. Camp Freddie, the top-rated class 1 boat, also went hard aground, cracking her hull, but a large amount of reaching had given her such a lead that Greg Peck was still able to claim his first win of the week.

Martin leads team



ATHLETICS: Eamonn Martin, right, will lead a strong British challenge at the world half-marathon championships in Brussels on October 3. The London Marathon winner spearheads the men's team after recovering from the foot injury that kept him out of the world championships. Also included is Paul Evans, who ran well in Stuttgart before pulling out through exhaustion.

Jenkins back in action

RUGBY UNION: Garin Jenkins, the Swansea hooker, returns to the Heineken League tomorrow against Newbridge. It will be his first competitive appearance since he was sent off against Llanelli in January. The Wales international was given a 16-week suspension for the stamping incident and missed the five nations' championship last season. Mike Ruddock, the Swansea coaching director, said: "He will be our hooker against Newbridge. He has been training very hard, and although full match fitness may take a little while, he is very enthusiastic."

Maktoum in Classic

SQUASH: Shaikh Ahmed Mohammed Hasher Al Maktoum, the United Arab Emirates champion and a member of the ruling family in Dubai, has been given a wild-card entry into the Dubai Classic later this month. He plays Peter Marshall, England's leading player and world No 5, in the first round. The event was redrawn following the withdrawal of the No 1 seed, Chris Dittmar, of Australia, because of injury. Jansher Khan, of Pakistan, is the new top seed and is scheduled to meet Brett Martin, of Australia, winner of the Hong Kong Open last week, in the semi-finals.

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Tavaré hopes to bow out in triumph

By Ivo Tennant

TAUNTON (third day of four): Somerset, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, need 120 runs to beat Gloucestershire

JUST before close of play yesterday evening, the unmistakably Lowry-like figure of Chris Tavaré was applauded every step of his way to the wicket by spectators and fielders alike. Given that the scoreboard read five for three, there was the ideal opportunity for one final act of the stonewalling for which he shall always be remembered. He survived, dead bat and deadpan expression to the fore, to resume his final innings in first-class cricket today.

His adopted county need a further 120 runs to win on a pitch taking a fair amount of spin, as four wickets apiece for Mushtaq Ahmed and Trump would suggest. Gloucestershire managed much the same total as in their first innings, Broad and Hinks putting on 128 for the first wicket, which meant that Somerset were left with 138 to win. It seemed to be a relatively straightforward task.

When Tavaré came in, it was looking anything but that. Hayhurst was held at first slip in Cooper's opening over and Harden and Trump went in quick succession to Ball, who had earlier taken Somerset's last two first-innings wickets, giving him career-best figures of six for 123.

Unless there is another such collapse today, Tavaré's career should end with a victory that could yet lead to Somerset finishing as runners-up to Middlesex.

He could have finished at the end of the season at Hartlepool but, unpretentious cricketer though he is, that is not quite the ground on which to go out after a conscientious and often trying career. At the age of 38, he finds concentration at the crease increasingly difficult. Once it was his greatest asset, resulting in a reputation for slow scoring that he will have to contend with for the rest of his life.

"I never played defensively for England under orders," he said. "It simply suited the rest of the side. But if I tried to bat as I did at county level, I would have been just another player.

"I never felt confident about my own ability. I could never bracket myself with Gatting and Gower. When Ian Botham was taking on the Australians in 1981, I felt almost like a spectator at the other end. My place was not assured, yet I turned down going to South Africa a year later, because I wanted to carry on playing for England. That and the moral standpoint," he said.

In 31 Tests, Tavaré made 1,755 runs at an average of 32.50. As a county cricketer, a decade ago he could take an attack apart. His fondest memory is of the summer of 1978, "when Kent won the championship and the Benson and Hedges Cup and I was a young batsman among so many Test cricketers".

As a considerate captain of Kent, which he was for only two years, he was highly regarded. Alan Knott thought only Ray Illingworth was a better captain.

When Tavaré was summarily ousted, for reasons that had more to do with politics than not winning two one-day finals, the majority of Kent's players were peeved. Scars remain, although Tavaré is pleased now to see that the committees at Canterbury are less fractious than they were.

Tavaré leaves the game, not as was once anticipated in the NatWest final at Lord's tomorrow, but in the undemonstrative way you would expect from him. "I shall be involved in retail marketing and will stay away from cricket for a while. But one day I am certain that in one capacity or another I will be back."

Kent are foiled by Loye's dedicated effort

By Jack Bailey

CANTERBURY (third day of four): Kent, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 263 runs ahead of Northamptonshire

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE avoided the follow-on by the skin of their teeth yesterday and kept themselves in a game that at one time they appeared to have forfeited.

That they are still there with any sort of chance is due primarily to their rising young batsman, Malachy Loye, who shared in partnerships of 123 with David Ripley for the sixth wicket and 86 with Curtly Ambrose for the eighth as he moved on to an undefeated 153.

In making the second century of his career, and of the season, Loye displayed stirling qualities. An innings spread over nearly 6½ hours when his side was in dire trouble almost speaks for itself. But to the obvious patience and steady concentration required, should be added a fluency of strokeplay and more than a touch of that elusive quality — class.

He escaped in the day's second over, before adding to his overnight 71, when the luckless Igglesden saw him dropped at second slip. Yet nothing after that disturbed his serene progress.

Another who has shown more than ordinary promise in this match is David Fulton, Kent's opening batsman, at 22, nearly a year old than Loye. He followed 75 in the first innings with another half-century. He needed his luck against Ambrose, but all who faced him yesterday needed that.

Time and again he beat everything without reward. Bat in hand, he had rather more luck. Loye and Ripley carried Northamptonshire into the realms of respectability but this was but a prelude to the day's most enthralling passage of arms. Northamptonshire were still 86 runs short of avoiding the follow-on when Ambrose ambled out to join Loye at the fall of the eighth wicket. Only five overs remained before lunch, but Ambrose was in no mood to prop and cop, nor play the role of junior partner to a player well past his previous highest score of 105, made against Gloucestershire earlier this season.

As if to underline his disdain of the normal niceties, Ambrose swung Ealham high over long-on for six in the last over before lunch. It was a blow all the more telling for the fact tht Ealham, with two wickets in an over for the second time in the innings, had been chiefly responsible for bringing Northamptonshire to the precipice edge.

Despite these heroics, the odds were still against Northamptonshire achieving their target when the interval came; for 54 were still needed. But Loye, a cool customer to the end, continued to play with great good sense and nothing seemed to bother Ambrose. On they went; and although Fleming finally squeezed a yorker under the tall West Indian's bat, the follow-on had by then just been saved.

This was just as well for Northamptonshire, for one run later Ealham claimed his fifth wicket by bowling Taylor.

It was his best return of the season and thoroughly well deserved, although at the same time, you had to remember Igglesden who had bowled even better, but with wretched luck.

TONY WHITE



Loye drives to the off during his unbeaten century yesterday

Inventive Wells should claim Lord's laurels

Paul Parker assesses former colleagues who lead the finalists in this year's NatWest Trophy

In 1986, Sussex won the NatWest Trophy by beating Lancashire in the final. For Sussex, Dermot Reeve bowled 12 overs, captured four wickets for 20 and picked up the man-of-the-match award. Alan Wells sat patiently with his pads on as Sussex won by seven wickets. He was not required to bat.

In this year's final tomorrow, both men will be in action immediately: as captains of their respective teams, Wells, of Sussex, and Reeve, of Warwickshire. It is a tribute to both that they have led their sides to the most glamorous occasion on the county circuit.

Captaincy suits Wells. His forceful personality and his powerful batting at No 4 have earned him the respect of his team and of opponents. He leads from the front and this requires him to perform with the bat. That he was equal to the task was evident early in his captaincy when he scored 253 not out against Yorkshire.

I remember captaining a Sussex under-25 side against Surrey at Hove, one of his first competitive games. We were chasing a moderate total but were labouring. Young Wells was at the crease and onlookers, including myself, were beginning to feel uneasy about his ability to put bat to ball.

In the final over, however, he twice calmly drove the ball back over the bowler's head for four to lead Sussex to victory. Such an ability to pace a chase and to see the task through has become one of Wells's great strengths as a batsman. This was never better illustrated than in the NatWest semi-final against Glamorgan this year when he scored a match-winning century after Glamorgan seemed to have the match won.

Wells is rated by fellow professionals as one of the most complete middle-order batsmen in the country but his talent has not been recognised by the selectors and it was frustration that led him to tour South Africa with the unofficial side led by Mike Gatting. Now his weight of runs this season must have made him a leading contender for a place in the party to tour the Caribbean this winter.

In 1984, I shared a room with Reeve on away trips because nobody else in the side was prepared to share with the ebullient interloper from Hong Kong, who had been taken on after an apprenticeship with the young professionals of MCC. His lively nature and irrepressible cheek antagonised his team-mates. Reeve made light of this through his self-belief and quickly established himself as indispensable to the side.

He joined the staff primarily on the strength of his military medium outswing bowling, with a variation of a much quicker bouncer that startled batsmen. Injuries have since eradicated the bouncer, but he has retained subtle variations of swing and flight.

Reeve is nothing if not an opportunist. He originally batted at No 10 for Sussex but volunteered for the unpopular position of nightwatchman on every possible occasion. In 1984, at Guildford, he seized the moment and having gone in at 6.15 the previous night, proceeded to score 119 against an attack that included Sylvester Clarke and Pat Pocock.

He now bats in Warwickshire's middle-order and has become particularly effective in one-day cricket. His batting style is based on clever footwork, intelligent judgment of the quick single and impish use of ambitious strokes.

His all-round abilities won him the man-of-the-match award for Warwickshire in the 1989 NatWest Trophy final against Middlesex.

The final will provide an interesting contrast: Wells, authoritative and inventive, Reeve brimful of enthusiasm and experiment. I expect Wells to take the laurels this time.

Britannic Assurance county championship

Durham v Nottinghamshire

CHESTER-LE-STREET (third day of four): *Nottinghamshire (24pts) beat Durham (5) by an innings and 157 runs*

DURHAM: First Innings 308 (J Wood 63 not out, W Larkins 62)

Second Innings

G Fowler c French b Pick 36
W Larkins lbw b Pennett 23
P W G Parker c Johnson b Pennett 7
S Hutton b Pennett 0
P Bainbridge c Dessaur b Pennett 0
J A Daley c French b Pennett 44
A C Cummins c French b Pick 4
J Wood c Dessaur b Pick 2
†A R Fothergill lbw b Pick 0
*D A Graveney not out 15
S J E Brown c Pollard b Pick 9
Extras (b 2, lb 9, w 3, nb 8) 18
Total 164

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-70, 3-70, 4-70, 5-92, 6-102, 7-104, 8-122, 9-144.

BOWLING: Lewis 2-0-7-0; Pennett 18.5-36-5; Mike 14-1-57-0; Pick 17-5-53-5.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

P R Pollard lbw b Cummins 17
W A Dessaur b Cummins 0
M Saxelby run out 0
P Johnson c Daley b Bainbridge 130
*R T Robinson c Daley b Bainbridge 5
C C Lewis c sub b Cummins 247
G W Mike c Larkins b Cummins 21
†B N French c Fothergill b Brown 123
J E Hindson c Parker b Bainbridge 1
R A Pick b Brown 5
D B Pennett not out 10
Extras (b 12, lb 11, w 3, nb 44) 70
Total 629

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-4, 3-49, 4-71, 5-249, 6-302, 7-503, 8-604, 9-609.

BOWLING: Cummins 29.1-0-137-4; Wood 26-1-148-0, Brown 31-3-181-2; Bainbridge 35-5-132-3; Larkins 4-0-18-0; Parker 7-3-10-0.

Umpires: J D Bond and P Willey.

Kent v Northamptonshire

CANTERBURY (third day of four): *Kent, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 263 runs ahead of Northamptonshire*

KENT: First Innings 479 (G R Cowdrey 139, M A Ealham 76, D P Fulton 75)

Second Innings

D P Fulton not out 51
J I Longley c Felton b Taylor 3
G R Cowdrey st Ripley b Bailey 25
N J Llong not out 33
Extras (b 1, lb 2) 3
Total (2 wkts) 115

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-57.

BOWLING: Ambrose 13-3-23-0; Taylor 10-8-12-1; Bailey 18-2-49-1; Bowen 10-5-24-0; Roberts 4-0-4-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham c Fulton b Hooper 39
N A Felton c Fulton b Ealham 8
R J Bailey c Longley b Ealham 4
M B Loye not out 153
*A J Lamb c Longley b Igglesden 4
R J Warren c Fulton b Hooper 3
†D Ripley c Marsh b Ealham 54
A R Roberts lbw b Ealham 0
M N Bowen run out 5
C E L Ambrose b Fleming 38
J P Taylor b Ealham 0
Extras (b 5, lb 12, nb 6) 23
Total 331

Score at 120 overs: 250-8.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-26, 3-95, 4-104, 5-115, 6-238, 7-238, 8-244, 9-330.

BOWLING: Igglesden 29-7-69-1; Ealham 25.4-6-66-5; Patel 27-11-44-0; Fleming 15-5-46-1; Hooper 40-13-69-2.

Bonus points: Kent 6, Northamptonshire 4.

Umpires: H D Bird and R A White.

Worcestershire v Lancashire

WORCESTER (third day of four): *Lancashire, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 253 runs ahead of Worcestershire.*

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 320

Second Innings

G D Mendis c Rhodes b Newport 10
J P Crawley c Leatherdale b Haynes 27
M A Atherton st Rhodes b Illingworth 0
*N H Fairbrother c Tolley b Hick 62
N J Speak not out 110
M Watkinson not out 39
Extras (lb 4, w 3) 7
Total (4 wkts) 255

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-21, 3-51, 4-170.

BOWLING: Newport 22-7-46-1; Tolley 13-1-56-0; Illingworth 36-14-69-1; Haynes 16-2-36-1; Hick 10-0-54-1.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

*T S Curtis lbw b Martin 52
M J Weston hit wicket b DeFreitas 8
G A Hick b Watkinson 91
G R Haynes c Fairbrother b Watkinson 50
D B D'Oliveira b Watkinson 13
D A Leatherdale b Wasim 13
†S J Rhodes c Hegg b DeFreitas 40
P J Newport b DeFreitas 23
C M Tolley not out 7
R K Illingworth b Wasim 1
K C G Benjamin c Fairbrother b DeFreitas 1
Extras (b 8, lb 6, w 3, nb 6) 23
Total (109.3 overs) 322

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-135, 3-197, 4-227, 5-228, 6-260, 7-309, 8-312, 9-313.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 28-4-80-2; DeFreitas 18.3-4-46-4; Martin 19-8-58-1; Watkinson 30-9-82-3; Yates 14-5-40-0.

Bonus points: Worcestershire 7, Lancashire 7.

Umpires: R Palmer and D R Shepherd.

Surrey v Hampshire

THE OVAL (third day of four): *Surrey, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 143 runs behind Hampshire*

SURREY: First Innings 380 (D J Bicknell 122, A D Brown 62; K J Shine 6 for 97)

Second Innings

D J Bicknell not out 21
R I Alikhan not out 8
Extras (lb 1, w 2, nb 4) 7
Total (no wkt) 36

BOWLING: Shine 6-4-3-0; Connor 6-3-13-0; Udal 6-3-11-0; James 4-1-7-0; Flint 2-1-1-0.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

R A Smith b Kendrick 127
V P Terry c Kersey b Butcher 91
K D James st Kersey b Kendrick 44
D I Gower b Bolling 13
C A Connor lbw b Bolling 59
*M C J Nicholas c Hollioake b Benjamin 95
R M F Cox c Lynch b Butcher 63
†A N Aymes c Butcher b Benjamin 9
S D Udal st Kersey b Kendrick 10
K J Shine b Benjamin 0
D P J Flint not out 0
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 2, nb 38) 48
Total 559

Score at 120 overs: 402-5.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-170, 2-283, 3-298, 4-301, 5-380, 6-512, 7-546, 8-559, 9-559.

BOWLING: Benjamin 34-8-104-3; Butcher 28-6-81-2; Hollioake 24-5-76-0; Kendrick 33.3-8-94-3; Bolling 40.1-9-129-2; Smith 13-1-67-0.

Bonus points: Surrey 5, Hampshire 7.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and A G T Whitehead.

Leicestershire v Yorkshire

LEICESTER (third day of four): *Yorkshire, with three second-innings wickets in hand, require 89 runs to beat Leicestershire*

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 158

Second Innings

T J Boon c Byas b Gough 20
P N Hepworth c Blakey b Hartley 3
*J J Whitaker b Vaughan 126
P E Robinson c Kellett b Stemp 7
B F Smith c Kellett b Stemp 4
†P A Nixon b Stemp 8
G J Parsons c Byas b Gough 36
A R K Pierson b Gough 5
V J Wells c Gough b Hartley 35
D J Millns lbw b Robinson 4
A D Mullally not out 0
Extras (lb 3, w 2, nb 18) 23
Total 271

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-52, 3-75, 4-97, 5-136, 6-215, 7-222, 8-231, 9-271.

BOWLING: Hartley 19.1-1-49-2; Gough 22-3-88-3; Robinson 23-4-71-1; Stemp 31-19-33-3; Grayson 4-3-4-0; Vaughan 9-4-23-1.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 202 (D Byas 62; A D Mullally 5 for 67)

Second Innings

*M D Moxon lbw b Millns 42
M P Vaughan c Whitaker b Mullally 13
D Byas lbw b Pierson 12
C White c Hepworth b Millns 44
S A Kellett c Nixon b Parsons 31
†R J Blakey c Parsons b Millns 7
A P Grayson c Parsons b Millns 1
R D Stemp not out 4
Extras (lb 3, w 2) 5
Total (7 wkts) 159

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-63, 3-89, 4-119, 5-132, 6-134, 7-139.

BOWLING: Mullally 18-7-37-1; Pierson 25-10-38-1; Parsons 17-3-34-1; Millns 14.5-6-27-4.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 4, Yorkshire 5.

Umpires: B Dudleston and R Julian.

Sussex v Essex

HOVE (third day of four): *Sussex, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 326 runs ahead of Essex.*

SUSSEX: First Innings 591 (J A North 114, K Greenfield 107, A P Wells 106, M P Speight 95, N J Lenham 62)

Second Innings

N J Lenham not out 121
C W J Athey c sub b Salim 88
E S H Giddins c Stephenson b Ilott 0
Extras (lb 3, w 2, nb 6) 11
Total (2 wkts) 220

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-220, 2-220.

BOWLING: Ilott 7.5-0-25-1; Boden 10-0-62-0; Childs 17-4-47-0; Such 3-1-11-0; Stephenson 6-1-33-0; Salim Malik 11-1-45-1.

ESSEX: First Innings

P J Prichard not out 225
J P Stephenson c Wells b Pigott 9
J J B Lewis c Salisbury b Lenham 43
Salim Malik b Giddins 73
M C Ilott b Salisbury 51
N Hussain not out 70
Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 2, nb 12) 22
Total (4 wkts dec, 104.4 overs) 493

*G A Gooch, †R J Rollins, J H Childs, D J P Boden and P M Such did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-120, 3-254, 4-342.

BOWLING: Pigott 23-0-127-1; Giddins 21.4-2-99-1; North 10-0-52-0; Donelan 14-2-64-0; Lenham 7-1-27-1; Salisbury 24-2-94-1; Athey 5-2-22-0.

Bonus points: Sussex 5, Essex 5.

Umpires: J H Harris and G I Burgess.

Somerset v Gloucestershire

TAUNTON (third day of four): *Somerset, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, require 120 runs to beat Gloucestershire*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 256 (T H C Hancock 76, R C Russell 65; Mushtaq Ahmed 5 for 81)

Second Innings

B C Broad c Harden b van Troost 58
S G Hinks st Turner b Trump 88
R I Dawson c Harden b Trump 5
M W Alleyne c Lathwell b van Troost 4
T H C Hancock c Tavaré b Mushtaq 32
A J Wright c Mushtaq b Trump 15
*†R C Russell b Mushtaq 7
M Davies not out 15
M C J Ball c and b Mushtaq 6
K E Cooper c Trump b Mushtaq 1
A M Babington c Mushtaq b Trump 23
Extras (b 6, lb 11, nb 12) 29
Total 283

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-128, 2-138, 3-139, 4-147, 5-186, 6-207, 7-214, 8-220, 9-226.

BOWLING: Van Troost 12-1-48-2; Mushtaq Ahmed 37-10-109-4; Rose 3-0-13-0; Trump 40.2-18-74-4; Lathwell 1-0-4-0.

SOMERSET: First Innings

A N Hayhurst c Hancock b Cooper 117
M N Lathwell lbw b Cooper 7
R J Harden lbw b Ball 70
*C J Tavaré c Russell b Alleyne 11
I Fletcher lbw b Ball 0
†R J Turner c Wright b Ball 10
G D Rose c Cooper b Ball 124
Mushtaq Ahmed c Cooper b Ball 16
J I D Kerr c Ball b Hancock 4
H R J Trump not out 10
A P van Troost st Russell b Ball 0
Extras (lb 6, w 1, nb 6) 13
Total 382

Score at 120 overs: 280-5.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-138, 3-155, 4-160, 5-178, 6-306, 7-334, 8-340, 9-382.

BOWLING: Cooper 29-8-77-2; Babington 16-5-42-0; Davies 38-13-80-0; Alleyne 19-5-41-1; Ball 54.1-14-123-6; Hancock 8-4-3-1.

Second Innings

A N Hayhurst c Ball b Cooper 4
M N Lathwell not out 9
R J Harden lbw b Ball 0
H R J Trump c Dawson b Ball 0
*C J Tavaré not out 5
Extras 0
Total (3 wkts) 18

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-5, 3-5.

BOWLING: Cooper 2-0-12-1; Ball 2-0-2-2; Davies 1-0-4-0.

Bonus points: Somerset 6, Gloucestershire 4.

Umpires: A A Jones and D O Oslear.

One day International

Sri Lanka v South Africa

COLOMBO (*South Africa won toss*): *South Africa beat Sri Lanka by 124 runs*

SOUTH AFRICA

*K C Wessels c Tillekeratne b Jayasuriya 28
A C Hudson c Mahanama b Ranatunga 48
D J Cullinan st Dassanayake b Jayasuriya 5
J N Rhodes c Mahanama b Kalpage 43
S J Cook c Dassanayake b Wickremasinghe 15
B M McMillan c Tillekeratne b Jayasuriya 35
P L Symcox c Mahanama b Jayasuriya 12
R P Snell not out 12
†D J Richardson not out 1
Extras (lb 12, w 8, nb 3) 23
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs) 222

A A Donald and P S de Villiers did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-80, 2-92, 3-102, 4-138, 5-174, 6-199, 7-214.

BOWLING: Wickremasinghe 7-0-38-1; Hathurusingha 3-0-14-0; De Silva 4-1-14-0; Kalpage 10-1-42-1; Muralitharan 6-0-29-0; Jayasuriya 10-0-53-4; Ranatunga 10-1-31-1.

SRI LANKA

R S Mahanama c Richardson b de Villiers 11
U C Hathurusingha c McMillan b Donald 10
S T Jayasuriya lbw b McMillan 3
P A de Silva c Richardson b McMillan 8
*A Ranatunga c de Villiers b McMillan 6
A P Gurusinha c McMillan b Snell 1
H P Tillekeratne c Richardson b de Villiers 20
R S Kalpage c Richardson b Symcox 0
†P B Dassanayake c McMillan b Donald 11
G P Wickremasinghe b de Villiers 4
M Muralitharan not out 0
Extras (lb 7, w 16, nb 1) 24
Total (34 overs) 98

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-24, 3-39, 4-39, 5-43, 6-52, 7-80, 8-82, 9-82.

BOWLING: Donald 7-1-18-2; De Villiers 10-4-15-3; Snell 5-0-15-1; McMillan 5-1-12-3; Symcox 5-0-20-1; Wessels 2-0-11-0.

Umpires: T Samarasinghe and D Pathirana.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

071-782 7344

PUBLIC NOTICES

REVERTER OF SITES ACT 1987
THE FORMER CROXTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL CROXTON IN THE COUNTY OF STAFFORD
WHEREAS:-
1. By a Conveyance dated 16 August 1871 between Rev John David Glennie the site (and buildings) of what became known as the Church of England School, Croxton was granted to the said John David Glennie, Vicar and the Church Wardens of Croxton as trustees pursuant to Section 2 of the Schools Sites Act 1841 and is now vested in the Vicar and Churchwardens.
2. The said school premises ceased to be used for the purposes of a voluntary school in 1981 and pursuant to Section 1 of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987 a trust for sale has arisen in respect of the said premises.
THE FORMER THORNCLIFFE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL LEEK IN THE COUNTY OF STAFFORD
WHEREAS:-
1. By a Conveyance dated 8 April 1885 between Mrs Susannah Argles the site of what became known as the Thorncliffe Church of England School, Croxton was granted to the Vicar and the Church Wardens of St Luke's, Leek as trustees pursuant to Section 2 of the Schools Sites Act 1841 and is now vested in the Vicar and Churchwardens.
2. The said school premises ceased to be used for the purposes of a voluntary school in 1981 and pursuant to Section 1 of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987 a trust for sale has arisen in respect of the said premises.
NOW TAKE NOTICE
1. The Diocese of Lichfield have made application to the Secretary of State for Education and Science for the inclusion of the above named school in a future Order under Section 2 of the Education Act 1973: the purpose of the Order being to allow the assets of the foundation to be used for the benefit of new and continuing schools of the same denomination within the Diocese. The same Order will extinguish the rights of beneficiaries under the trust.
2. Any beneficiary who wishes to oppose the extinguishment of their rights should notify their claim in writing to Fowler Langley & Wright, 20 Waterloo Road, Wolverhampton, WV1 4BY not later than 26 November 1993.
Address for Correspondence
Messrs Fowler Langley & Wright
20 Waterloo Road
Wolverhampton WV1 4BY.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
SCOTT, MARGARET JOAN late of 66 Greenfield Crescent, Patcham, Brighton died on 10th February 1993.
Would anyone with information of the whereabouts of the Will of the above named deceased or the deeds of the above mentioned property please contact:- Stephen Ede Cooke & Ashton New Street Chambers Riverhead, Grimsby (0472 353457) Ref JTJ
Before 30th September 1993

LEGAL NOTICES

ANDY'S LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF on 15th September 1993 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
DATED this 31st August 1993
Andrew John Preston, Director.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FACE GROUP LIMITED and IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Registered number: 2633876. Nature of business: Typesetters. Trade classification: 46 Other Services. Administration order made: 19 August 1993. Joint administrators: Malcolm Cohen and Raymond Hocking (office holder nos 6825/01 & 2322/01).

LEGAL NOTICES

Case No. 007187 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF INDEPENDENT BRITISH HOSPITALS PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice on the 12th August 1993 for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £18,000,000 to £10,663,913.50.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before His Honour Mr Justice Chadwick at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 15th day of September 1993.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 3rd day of September 1993.
WACKS CALLER,
Steam Packet House 76 Cross Street, Manchester M2 4JU.

Langley Garden Centre Ltd (In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in pursuance of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held in the Somerset Suite at the Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych, London WC2B 4DD on 20 September 1993 at 2.30 pm for the purpose of having an account laid before them, showing the events leading up to the appointment of administrative receivers, the manner in which the administrative receivership has been conducted and the property of the company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Joint Administrative Receivers.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. A person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if he has given the Receivers, not later than 12.00 pm on the business day before the above day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company, and this claim has been duly admitted by the Receivers. A creditor entitled to attend and vote at the meeting may appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote instead of him.
Should you require a copy of the Joint Administrative Receivers Report under Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, please write to Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT.
Dated this 2nd day of September 1993
A D LEWIS,
Joint Administrative Receiver

LONDON ENTERPRISE PROPERTY COMPANY LTD (In Administrative Receivership)
Registered number: 1765108. Nature of business: Property Development. Trade classification: 46 Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 31 August 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Midland Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: AW Brierley and A D Lewis (office holder nos: 6641 and 8716) of P O Box No.55 1 Surrey Street London WC2R 2NT.

No. 1993-M 30264
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT REGISTRY
IN THE MATTER OF HEADLAM GROUP plc
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Birmingham dated 16th August 1993 confirming the cancellation of the share premium account of the above named Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 20th August 1993.
Dated this 3rd day of September 1993.
Eversheds Wells & Hind
10 Newhall Street
Birmingham B3 3LX.
Solicitors for the above named Company
Ref: DCL/EH/105
Tel: 021 233 2001

Low Valley Engineering and Shotblasting Limited (In Administrative Receivership)
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at the Churchills Hotel, 1 High Street, Wombwell, Yorkshire, S73 0DA on the 13th day of September 1993 at 2.30 pm., for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the Report prepared by the Administrative Receiver under Section 48 of the said Act. The Meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a Committee to exercise the functions conferred on Creditors' Committees by or under the Act.
Creditors are only entitled to vote if: (a) they have delivered to me at Maddox House, One, Maddox Street, London, W1R 9WA, no later than 1200 hours on the 10th day of September 1993 written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules, 1986, and (b) there has been lodged with me any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Dated 27th August 1993
J.W. Pool
Administrative Receiver

No 006906 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF LOTTO UK LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 4th August 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £3,000,000 to £1,010,000.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday 6th day of October 1993.
Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 23rd day of August 1993
Middleton Potts, Solicitors for the above-named Company.
3 Cloth Street, Long Lane, London EC1A 7LD.

No 006843 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION
THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE LINDSAY
Wednesday the 18th August 1993
IN THE MATTER OF ALLDERS LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 18th August 1993 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £53,032,385.96 to £6,315,714.30 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 27th August 1993.
Dated this 3rd day of September 1993
Macfarlanes 10 Norwich Street London EC4A 1BD
(Ref. AZL/527411/770011)
Solicitors for the above-named Company

Notice of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers
Marblex International Limited
Registered Number: 2633768. Nature of Business: Distributors and Fitters of Marble Surfaces. Trade classification: 26. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 24th August 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Lloyds Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Melvyn L. Rose FCA and Brian L. Lasky FCA. Office holder nos: 2561 and 7896. Address: Elliot, Woolfe & Rose Lidgra House 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS.

The Insolvency Act 1986
LIQUID GOLD LIMITED (In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Eric William Sheppard FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 18th August 1993.
Dated this 31st day August 1993
E.W. Sheppard, Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

OCTAD LTD (In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in pursuance of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held in the Somerset Suite at the Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych, London WC2B 4DD on 20 September 1993 at 3.00 pm for the purpose of having an account laid before them, showing the events leading up to the appointment of administrative receivers, the manner in which the administrative receivership has been conducted and the property of the company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Joint Administrative Receivers.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. A person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if he has given the Receivers, not later than 12.00 pm on the business day before the above day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company, and this claim has been duly admitted by the Receivers. A creditor entitled to attend and vote at the meeting may appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote instead of him.
Should you require a copy of the Joint Administrative Receivers Report under Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, please write to Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT.
Dated this 2nd day of September 1993
A D LEWIS,
Joint Administrative Receiver

PYRAMID GROUP PLC (In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in pursuance of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held in the Somerset Suite at the Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych, London WC2B 4DD on 20 September 1993 at 10.00 am for the purpose of having an account laid before them, showing the events leading up to the appointment of administrative receivers, the manner in which the administrative receivership has been conducted and the property of the company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Joint Administrative Receivers.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. A person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if he has given the Receivers, not later than 12.00 pm on the business day before the above day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company, and this claim has been duly admitted by the Receivers. A creditor entitled to attend and vote at the meeting may appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote instead of him.
Should you require a copy of the Joint Administrative Receivers Report under Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, please write to Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT.
Dated this 2nd day of September 1993
A D LEWIS,
Joint Administrative Receiver

RE: ROYSTON GLASSWORKS LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ on Friday the 17th September 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co, Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Wednesday 15th September 1993
Dated this 28th day of July 1993
L C Collington, Director.

The Insolvency Act 1986
Performance Distribution Limited (In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 18th August 1993.
Dated this 31st day August 1993
M R Dorrington, Liquidator

Starwest Investment Holdings Ltd (In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in pursuance of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held in the Somerset Suite at the Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych, London WC2B 4DD on 20 September 1993 at 2.00 pm for the purpose of having an account laid before them, showing the events leading up to the appointment of administrative receivers, the manner in which the administrative receivership has been conducted and the property of the company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Joint Administrative Receivers.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. A person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if he has given the Receivers, not later than 12.00 pm on the business day before the above day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company, and this claim has been duly admitted by the Receivers. A creditor entitled to attend and vote at the meeting may appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote instead of him.
Should you require a copy of the Joint Administrative Receivers Report under Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, please write to Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT.
Dated this 2nd day of September 1993
A D LEWIS,
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
Rule 4.106(1)
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
NO 003499 OF 1993
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
VENTURE TECHNOLOGY (EUROPE) LIMITED
I, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I, Christopher Guy Adams, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of C.G. Adams Associates, 15 Cavendish Square, London, W1M 9DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company on 19th August 1993.
All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address. All creditors who have not already done so, are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. No further public advertisement or invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated this 23rd day of August 1993
C.G. Adams, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
Rule 6.124(1)
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE
GEORGE FREDERICK CRUDGINGTON
Sheffield County Court
No. 430 of 1992
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that L Melvyn Laurence Rose FCA Of Messrs. Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London, NW9 0BS was appointed Trustee of George Frederick Crudgington on 3 August 1993.
Any Creditor who wishes to prove a claim in the Bankruptcy, is required to send me notice of their claim in writing to the above address, to arrive no later than 15 October 1993, else their claim will be excluded from any dividend which may be declared in the Estate.
Dated this 25 day of August 1993
Melvyn L. Rose, Trustee.

The Insolvency Act 1986
CORNESVALE LIMITED (In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 18th August 1993.
Dated this 31st day August 1993
M R Dorrington, Liquidator.

The Insolvency Act 1986
CLOTHES CITY LIMITED (In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Eric William Sheppard FIPA, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 18th August 1993.
Dated this 31st day August 1993
E W Sheppard, Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

THE ROYAL INSTITUTION OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS
Michael David Franklin
On 27 July 1993 the Institution's Disciplinary Board considered seven charges of misconduct against Mr Franklin, a Professional Associate, arising from his former practice as a director of companies in the Franklin Fox Group.
Three charges were that he had failed to keep clients' money in a separate bank account, he had failed to maintain a proper accounting records for clients' money and he had permitted clients money to be misappropriated.
Two further charges arose from his failure to include in the Memorandum & Articles of one of the companies clauses required under the Institution's rules.
The final two charges arose from the fact that companies within the Group had been put into solvent liquidation.
The Board found all seven charges proved and expelled Mr Franklin from membership.

TRANSCRAFT LTD (In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in pursuance of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held in the Somerset Suite at the Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych, London WC2B 4DD on 20 September 1993 at 3.30 pm for the purpose of having an account laid before them, showing the events leading up to the appointment of administrative receivers, the manner in which the administrative receivership has been conducted and the property of the company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Joint Administrative Receivers.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. A person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if he has given the Receivers, not later than 12.00 pm on the business day before the above day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company, and this claim has been duly admitted by the Receivers. A creditor entitled to attend and vote at the meeting may appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote instead of him.
Should you require a copy of the Joint Administrative Receivers Report under Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, please write to Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT
Dated this 2nd day of September 1993
A D LEWIS,
Joint Administrative Receiver

W H HOULDERSHAW LTD (In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in pursuance of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held in the Somerset Suite at the Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych, London WC2B 4DD on 20 September 1993 at 11.30 am for the purpose of having an account laid before them, showing the events leading up to the appointment of administrative receivers, the manner in which the administrative receivership has been conducted and the property of the company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Joint Administrative Receivers.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. A person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if he has given the Receivers, not later than 12.00 pm on the business day before the above day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company, and this claim has been duly admitted by the Receivers. A creditor entitled to attend and vote at the meeting may appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote instead of him.
Should you require a copy of the Joint Administrative Receivers Report under Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, please write to Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT.
Dated this 2nd day of September 1993
A D LEWIS,
Joint Administrative Receiver

Arnold banks on training gamble

Richard Evans meets someone ready to defy logic and plump for sleepless nights and a precarious lifestyle


HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Arnold will purchase his first yearlings at Doncaster next week to occupy his Upper Lambourn stables

The bank manager looked at the extensive cash flow figures, the profit-and-loss calculations and the proposed budget put in front of him by Rupert Arnold — and shook his head.

Arnold, assistant to Paul Cole, the Whatcombe trainer, since 1988, had gone to the painstaking trouble of working out the detailed business plan after deciding earlier this summer he would like to take out a trainer's licence.

"Rupert, it doesn't add up. I wouldn't do it if I was you," the cautious banker said.

However, Arnold was not deterred and next week he will buy his first yearlings at Doncaster as he prepares to move into Cedar Lodge stables in Upper Lambourn on October 1.

The decision to go it alone in the high risk, competitive and often back-stabbing world of racing, is the hardest any aspiring trainer has to make. Far from having dozens of owners with horses lined up in advance, most would-be trainers have to jump blindly into the unknown. Unless a big backer is hovering in the background, the financial gamble is also considerable.

Arnold, 33, had no wealthy backers waiting in the wings when he decided in May to go solo. So he put a for sale sign outside the three-bedroomed house in Kintbury, which was home for himself, his wife Fiona, Georgia, 2½, and Edward, 8 months, in order to raise the necessary capital.

Within three days he had received an offer and in the month between accepting and signing the sale contract he started to seek out potential owners and horses.

"I began ringing people, 40 or 50 at least, and really used the contacts I had made over the years to try to gauge what support I would get. If everyone had come back and said they were not interested — or only a couple wanted horses — I would not have done it. I would have kept the house and stayed at Whatcombe.

"At the end of the month I felt I could put together 15 horses on the basis of the canvassing I had done — so I decided to go for it."

Arnold, educated at Stowe, where fellow trainers Michael Bell and James Fanshawe were contemporaries, and Cambridge, is articulate, intelligent and as level-headed as they come. Yet he is the first to acknowledge there is some truth in the remarks made to him recently by a dyed-in-the-wool trainer. "Good luck, Rupert. I hope it works out for you," he said. "You are mad, of course. We are all mad to train."

Arnold reflected: "It is an emotional rather than a logical decision. A lot of the logic doesn't add up and sometimes you wonder why on earth you want to do it; but there is something inside saying, 'you are going to train' — and that keeps you going through the sleepless nights."

Although he enjoyed pony club as a boy at Branham Moor in Yorkshire, he never envisaged horses as a career. He intended to be a land agent. However, in between school and going to Cambridge, he rode out at Aiken racecourse in South Carolina, and the smouldering interest in racing flared into life.

Although he duly qualified as a chartered surveyor after leaving university, he was riding out regularly for Mark Tompkins and in 1984 the lure of racing proved too much. He joined Jeremy Hindley in Newmarket as pupil assistant and two years later became assistant to John Winter before moving to the top of the trainers' pyramid with Cole.

"Fantastic times," he recalled. "1991 when Generous won the Derby, was the highlight. It was such a privilege to be there with such good horses."

Now he concentrates on the harsh realities of setting up as a trainer himself. "I had been through the figures, compiled cash flows and budgets with a friend, who is an accountant, and worked out how much capital was required to finance the business, given the fixed costs such as renting a yard.

The margins are very tight. So the only way to finance it was by myself so the house had to be sold."

The comparative financial independence, combined with the comfort that if all fails he can fall back on his qualifications as a chartered surveyor, will provide much needed assurance for the future.

But, if my hunch is right, Stowe can look forward to another old boy succeeding as a trainer and a certain bank manager may learn that skill, determination and well-considered planning can make a nonsense of the most traditional business theories.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: IHTIRAZ
(3.40 Kempton)
Next best: Amidst
(2.35 Kempton)

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

KEMPTON PARK
C4

2.35: Amidst had only two opponents when winning last time at Yarmouth, but she recorded a decent time, and Michael Stoute's filly can follow up on her nursery debut. Waafed may not appreciate the step back in distance, and Dancing Lawyer looks the best of the rest.

3.10: Star Talent has looked impressive in both victories, and can find the necessary improvement to prevail here.

The form of his Goodwood success is working out particularly well (the runner-up has won and third-placed, Devotee, chased home the smart Balanchine yesterday), and David Elsworth's colt quickened impressively off a slow pace at Salisbury last time.

Mazentre Forward arguably boasts the best form, having recorded a decent effort behind Concordial in a fast-run Acomb Stakes at York, but may be unable to cope with the potentially smart selection.

3.40: Ihtiraz has thrived since Richard Hills discovered, by chance, that Tom Jones's filly runs best when held up. She has shown a sparkling turn of foot to win her last two outings, and can cope with today's rise in class. Ardkinglass has obvious claims on Jersey Stakes form, but just lost to Tinners Way at York, and may struggle to reverse the form on 5lb better terms.

4.10: Dance To The Top accounted for Henry Cecil's Averti impressively on her debut at Yarmouth and, although the race time was moderate, Michael Stoute's well-bred runner stands out here.

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THUNDERER
2.05 Harlestone Brook. 2.35 Charisma Girl. 3.10 Star Talent. 3.40 ARDKINGLASS (nap). 4.10 Dance To The Top. 4.40 Sleeptite.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.40 Ihtiraz.
4.10 DANCE TO THE TOP (nap).

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.05 WATFORD HANDICAP (£3,933: 1m 6f 92yd) (14 runners)

101 (13) 53241/ LAND AFAR 123J (F) (T Ford) J Webber 6-9-12 R Lappin —
102 (12) 856665 JUSTICE 16 (G) (A Richards) C Brittain 5-9-2 M Roberts 94
103 (10) 003520 ALQAIRAWAAN 11 (Mrs J Sutcliffe) J Sutcliffe 4-9-2 Pat Eddery 94
104 (9) 581303 ELA BILLANTE 11 (D,F) (Mrs J McAllister) J Fanshawe 3-9-1 P Robinson 94
105 (3) 112522 HARLESTONE BROOK 27 (F,S) (J Dunlop) J Dunlop 3-9-1 R Cochrane 92
106 (11) 0/420 POPSI'S LEGACY 43 (M Haynes) M Haynes 6-8-1 D Toole (7)
107 (4) 012032 SCENIC DANCER 18 (F,G) (A Hide) A Hide 5-8-7 N Varley (7) 92
108 (1) 040100 IMPECCABLE TASTE 3 (F) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-7 J Williams 89
109 (6) 614310 SO SAUCY 9 (B,F,S) (L Ward) B Meehan 3-8-7 W R Swinburn 90
110 (7) 6-02222 SAFETY IN NUMBERS 91 (E Cohen) Lady Herries 3-8-7 J Quinn 87
111 (8) 6-00031 PRINCESS ERMYN 30 (C,G) (J Daniels) M Dixon 4-8-6 A Clark 89
112 (5) 040142 FIRST FLING 21 (G) (A Edwards) J Scargill 4-8-5 D Harrison (3) 88
113 (14) 041260 FANATICAL 14 (B,F,G) (Ducktaven Stud) R Baker 7-8-1 A McGlone 92
114 (2) 152120 WITH GUSTO 22 (BF,G) (M Brunton) K Cunningham-Brown 6-8-1 A Munro 98

BETTING: 4-1 Harlestone Brook, 5-1 So Saucy, 6-1 Safety In Numbers, 13-2 Ela Billante, 7-1 Princess Ermyn, 10-1 Scenic Dancer, 14-1 First Fling, Impeccable Taste, 20-1 Alqairawaan, With Gusto, 25-1 others.

1992: EMPIRE BLUE 9-8-7 B Raymond (12-1) P Cole 12 ran

2.35 STANMORE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £4,012: 6f) (13 runners) C4

201 (3) 243010 CHICKAWICKA 17 (D,S) (Merthyr Tydfil Car Auction Ltd) B Millman 9-7 R Cochrane 95
202 (7) 531056 CYARNA QUINN 4 (D,S) (M Quinn) M Channon 9-4 J Reid 91
203 (11) 000 WAAFED 23 (G) (M Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-3 W R Swinburn 89
204 (9) 331 AMIDST 15 (D,G) (Sir Evelyn De Rothschild) M Stoute 9-3 Paul Eddery 84
205 (6) 004163 DANCING LAWYER 18 (D,G) (Vintage Services Ltd) B Meehan 9-1 A Lakeman 89
206 (12) 354 HELLO MISTER 31 (B Millen) J O'Donoghue 8-11 M Roberts 89
207 (5) 00011 NORISKO'MARINGER 8 (D,G) (S Manana) G Lewis 8-8 (6ex) Pat Eddery 91
208 (2) 0500 CHILIGRAY 16 (Mrs H Heinz) J Dunlop 8-7 R Hills 85
209 (15) 060 RUNIC SYMBOL 37 (D Steen) M Blanshard 8-5 J Quinn 86
210 (10) 636 DOMINO QUEEN 34 (J Borrett) J Payne 8-3 A Munro 89
211 (1) 420356 SWEET WHISPER 21 (BF,G) (P Savill) R Hannon 7-13 A McGlone 96
212 (4) 651202 CHARISMA GIRL 9 (F) (Clear Height Racing) S Dow 7-8 N Adams
213 (8) 0000 WHITCHURCH SILK 6 (Highflyers) G Balding 7-7 N Varley (7) —

Long handicap: Whitchurch Silk 7-5.

BETTING: 4-1 Amidst, 9-2 Charisma Girl, 5-1 Norisko'maringer, 11-2 Dancing Lawyer, 8-1 Chickawicka, Sweet Whisper, 12-1 Cyarna Quinn, 16-1 Hello Mister, 20-1 Chiligray, Waafed, 33-1 others.

1992: HELLO HOBSON'S 7-11 W Carson (4-1 fav) J Akehurst 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHICKAWICKA beat Hever Golf Rose 1l in an 11-runner maiden auction at Chepstow on penultimate start (6f, soft), with RUNIC SYMBOL (16lb better off) 6¾l 6th. AMIDST beat Paonic 1l in a 3-runner maiden auction at Yarmouth (6f, good). DANCING LAWYER 4l 3rd of 14 to Major Success in a nursery at Windsor (6f, good to firm). HELLO MISTER about 4½l 4th of 7 to Lassie in a maiden at Brighton (5f 59yd, firm). NORISKO'MARINGER beat Strapped a short head in a 5-runner nursery at Goodwood (6f, good). Previously, beat CHARISMA GIRL (16lb better off) 5l in an 8-runner seller at Lingfield (AW, 6f, standard). DOMINO QUEEN 3¼l 3rd of 10 to Alzianah in a maiden at Ripon on penultimate start (5f, good). CHARISMA GIRL neck 2nd of 10 to Major Success in a nursery at Brighton (5f 59yd, good to firm).
Selection: CHARISMA GIRL

3.10 MILCARS CHERTSEY LOCK STAKES (2-Y-O colts & geldings: £4,082: 7f) (7 runners) C4

301 (7) 11 STAR TALENT 22 (D,G,S) (J Smith) D Elsworth 9-3 R Cochrane
302 (4) 3112 FRIENDLY CHAMP 7 (C,F,G) (Dr M Tsao Geoffrey Yeh) R Armstrong 8-13 R Price 98
303 (1) 2310 THE FLYING PHANTOM 55 (D,F) (P Betts Ltd) M Tompkins 8-13 P Robinson 96
304 (6) 608 ARECIBO 39 (W McGregor) C Brittain 8-11 M Roberts 98
305 (3) 215 MAZENTRE FORWARD 17 (F) (The Winning Team) R Hannon 8-11 Pat Eddery 92
306 (5) RAINBOW HEIGHTS (Broughton Homes Ltd) B Hills 8-11 R Hills —
307 (2) TAJANNAF (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11 W R Swinburn —

BETTING: 8-11 Star Talent, 5-1 Friendly Champ, 7-1 Mazentre Forward, 8-1 Tajannaf, 12-1 Rainbow Heights, The Flying Phantom, 20-1 Arecibo.

1992: PEMBROKE 8-11 S Cauthen (4-1) J Gosden 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

STAR TALENT beat Barossa Valley 1¾l in a 3-runner conditions race at Salisbury (7f, good). FRIENDLY CHAMP 1½l 2nd of 4 to Forest Gazelle in a 4-runner conditions race at Newmarket (6f, good). THE FLYING PHANTOM beat Bumaas 7l in a 5-runner maiden at Yarmouth on penultimate start (7f, firm). ARECIBO 7l 7th of 9 to Big Squeeze in a 9-runner conditions race at Lingfield (6f, good). MAZENTRE FORWARD beat St Auburn 3l in a 13-runner maiden auction at York on penultimate start (6f, good to firm). RAINBOW HEIGHTS (foaled Mar 19) is a half-brother, by Rainbow Quest, to Warm Feeling, useful 1m-1m 4f winner. Dam of little account. TAJANNAF (Apr 9) is a first foal, by Kris, dam 7f juvenile winner.
Selection: STAR TALENT (nap)

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.40 MILCARS TEMPLE FORTUNE STAKES (Listed race: £11,550: 1m) (7 runners) C4

401 (7) 443210- REPORTED 358 (F,S) (F Sainsbury) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-6 R Cochrane 94
402 (2) 631052 ARDKINGLASS 15 (F,G,S) (Sir David Wills) H Cecil 3-9-4 W Ryan 98
403 (4) 0132-25 CLOUD OF DUST 108 (CD,F,G,S) (Miss P Kwolt) J Dunlop 4-9-4 J Reid 88
404 (6) 1-3001 TINNERS WAY 15 (G) (K Abdulla) J Gosden 3-9-1 Pat Eddery 95
405 (3) 220362 MIZAAYA 6 (D,F,G) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-0 W R Swinburn 96
406 (1) 104611 IHTIRAZ 20 (F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-9 R Hills
407 (5) 16-5540 LINDON LIME 16 (F) (F Salman) P Cole 3-8-9 A Munro 94

BETTING: 5-2 Tinners Way, 3-1 Ardkinglass, 7-2 Ihtiraz, 5-1 Cloud Of Dust, Mizaaya, 40-1 Lindon Lime, Reported.

1992: CALLING COLLECT 3-8-9 L Dettori (5-2 fav) L Cumani 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

REPORTED beat Consigliere 2l in a 7-runner listed race at York on penultimate start (7f, good to firm). CLOUD OF DUST 1½l 2nd of 13 to Ezzoud in the group III Earl of Sefton Stakes at Newmarket on penultimate start (1m 1f, good). TINNERS WAY beat ARDKINGLASS (5lb better off) ¾l in an 11-runner listed race at York (7f, good). MIZAAYA 1l 2nd of 10 to Sharpah in a handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). IHTIRAZ beat Kayvee 1¼l in an 16-runner handicap at Newbury (7f, good to firm). LINDON LIME 11l 4th of 5 to Key To My Heart in a handicap at York on penultimate start (1m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: ARDKINGLASS

4.10 MILCARS STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £4,345: 7f) (7 runners) C4

501 (7) 114 PALANA 50 (F,G) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 8-12 R Cochrane 89
502 (6) 1 DANCE TO THE TOP 24 (D,F) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 8-10 W R Swinburn
503 (3) 21 MISS RINJANI 27 (D,S) (J C Pearce) G Wragg 8-10 Paul Eddery 84
504 (5) 122143 STAR SPEEDER 14 (D,BF,F,S) (G Pritchard-Gordon) G Lewis 8-10 B Russell (5) 96
505 (1) 360 DIAMOND PARK 21 (L Ward) R Hannon 8-8 Pat Eddery 87
506 (4) GILBERTINA (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-8 R Street —
507 (2) 3 OMNIA 95 (F Salman) P Cole 8-8 A Munro 77

BETTING: 4-7 Dance To The Top, 11-2 Miss Rinjani, 8-1 Omnia, Palana, 14-1 Diamond Park, 16-1 Star Speeder, 20-1 others.

1992: ATHENS BELLE 8-8 Pat Eddery (6-1) R Charlton 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

PALANA 3¾l 4th of 5 to News And Echo in a conditions race at Sandown (7f, soft). DANCE TO THE TOP beat Averti (US) ¾l in a 7-runner conditions race at Yarmouth (7f, good to firm). MISS RINJANI beat Bonny Bride a short head in a 7-runner conditions race at Redcar (7f, good to soft). STAR SPEEDER 3l 3rd of 4 to Bella Parkes in a conditions race at Chester (6f, good to soft). DIAMOND PARK 9¾l 8th of 17 to Arractia in a maiden at Newbury (6f, good). OMNIA 6¼l 3rd of 8 to Elrafa Ah in a maiden at Leicester (6f, good).
Selection: DANCE TO THE TOP

4.40 RADLETT MAIDEN HANDICAP (£3,786: 7f) (18 runners)

601 (13) 6-5443 FROSTY MORNING 24 (BF) (A Saeed) C Brittain 3-9-13 M Roberts 86
602 (8) 424230 WATERLORD 13 (Mrs F Jensen) M Heaton-Ellis 3-9-12 Paul Eddery 88
603 (1) 50-0000 ANNIVERSAIRE 100 (Mrs F Vogt) Bob Jones 3-9-9 P Robinson 87
604 (3) 65036-0 STEPPIN HIGH 49 (G Moorsoff) Lord Huntingdon 3-9-6 D Harrison (3) 88
605 (11) 5/460- SPRING SAINT 381 (Miss C Horler) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-5 A Munro —
606 (2) 504824 KELLY MAC 3 (BF) (K Dack) M Channon 3-9-5 J Reid 96
607 (6) 4-000 BROUGHTONS TURMOIL 20 (Broughton Insulation) W Musson 4-9-3 D Biggs 92
608 (14) 400-282 CASTING SHADOWS 24 (BF) (S Skelding) B Hills 4-9-3 Pat Eddery 88
609 (5) 64-0000 YOUNG MAX 101 (R Richards) D Elsworth 4-9-2 A Procter (5) —
610 (7) 404503 SLEEPTITE 8 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-2 W Ryan 83
611 (12) 6000 FINDON ACADEMY 27 (B) (I Higson) G Moore 3-8-13 A Morris 84
612 (15) 0-00040 JEWEL THIEF 4 (V) (A Wells) G Balding 3-8-11 J Williams 94
613 (4) 0000- SOUTHAMPTON 405 (G Balding) G Balding 3-8-8 N Varley (7) —
614 (17) 426005 ARAWA 6 (M Turner) D Marks 3-8-8 R Cochrane
615 (16) 044626 ASCOM PAGER TOO 20 (BF) (Ascom Tele-Nova Ltd) P Howling 3-8-6 J Quinn 98
616 (10) 0-00000 LADY RELKO 6 (W Packham) R Voorspuy 3-8-5 N Adams 83
617 (18) 000-003 ALL THE GIRLS 4 (R Adams) R Dickin 4-8-2 C Rutter 92
618 (9) 0/0000-0 CANNONALE 11 (R Langley) J Pearce 4-8-0 Dale Gibson —

BETTING: 6-1 Casting Shadows, 7-1 Sleeptite, Frosty Morning, 8-1 Ascom Pager Too, Kelly Mac, Waterlord, 10-1 All The Girls, 12-1 Jewel Thief, Steppin High, 16-1 Arawa, 20-1 others.

1992: SOVEREIGN ROCK 3-9-5 L Dettori (14-1) R Hannon 18 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
A Scott	9	43	20.9	Pat Eddery	42	206	20.4
H Cecil	8	40	20.0	A Munro	17	116	14.7
J Fanshawe	7	39	17.9	W Ryan	8	57	14.0
M Stoute	13	75	17.3	M Roberts	23	182	12.5
G Wragg	6	40	15.0	R Cochrane	23	196	11.7
J Gosden	13	87	14.9	W R Swinburn	16	155	10.3

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER
2.15 Robin Lake. 2.50 Dangerous Shadow. 3.25 Alasib. 4.00 Miss Shagra. 4.30 Stardust Express. 5.05 Funny Hilarious. 5.35 Fawlty Towers.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.30 GENERAL JOHN (nap).
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.25 Alasib.

GOING GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW. 5F-6F. HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 EBF BIRKENHEAD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,479: 5f) (17 runners)

1 02 BASHFUL BRAVE 19 M Bell 9-0 G Duffield 16
2 50 BLUE BOMBER 109 (BF) R Hannon 9-0 K Darley 12
3 00 COMMENDATION DAY 18 B Hills 9-0 D Holland 5
4 COURSE FISHING B McMahon 9-0 S Sanders (7) 17
5 GRANGE VENTURE D Moffatt 9-0 Darren Moffatt (5) 1
6 0 MONKEY BOY 58 J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 8
7 0 MUZZ 153 (BF) M Johnston 9-0 T Williams 14
8 RECAPTURED DAYS A Scott 9-0 B Raymond 4
9 045 ROYAL CAPE 104 B Hills 9-0 T Quinn 9
10 THE WITCHBOY G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 W Hood 2
11 DEAR SILVERS A Forbes 8-9 K Fallon 7
12 0 KENILWORTH FORD 11 J Wilson 8-9 J Fortune 13
13 0320 MISS PIGALLE 22 (BF) Miss L Perratt 8-9 J Fanning 10
14 0566 MY GALLERY 22 (B) A Bailey 8-9 A Mackay 15
15 64 NATURAL PATH 8 M McCormack 8-9 W Carson 11
16 0 PRIMUM TEMPUS 44 M H Easterby 8-9 M Birch 6
17 22 ROBIN LAKE 72 (BF) I Balding 8-9 L Dettori 3

7-4 Bashful Brave, 9-4 Robin Lake, 9-2 Blue Bomber, 6-1 Royal Cape, 8-1 Recaptured Days, 10-1 Natural Path, 12-1 Miss Pigalle, 16-1 others.

2.50 BOLD HEATH CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,032: 6f) (16)

1 13 COTTEIR CHIEF 16 (D,F) M Pipe 9-3 M Perrett 15
2 00 HADI 23 C Brittain 8-12 S Whitworth 12
3 2102 CULSYTH FLYER 10 (D,F,S) R Hollinshead 8-11 W Carson 13
4 4445 TOP SHOW 20 (G) K Hogg 8-10 J Weaver 3
5 3120 LAUREL ROMEO 7 (D,F) J Berry 8-4 J Carroll 14
6 1005 TUTU SIXTYSIX 9 (V,F,G) R Boss 8-4 G Duffield 7
7 1 ROCHE ABBEY 67 (G) M Johnston 8-2 T Williams 11
8 0005 WOODTONG 3 (V) T Fairhurst 8-2 J Fanning 2
9 53 PRINCE OF GAELS 10 M McCormack 8-1 A Tucker 1
10 5133 DANGEROUS SHADOW 4 (BF,F) Mrs M Reveley 8-0 K Darley 16
11 0 GOVERNOR'S BAY 64 W Clay 8-0 A Mackay 8
12 6500 FUSSY SIOUX 16 M W Easterby 7-11 N Carlisle 9
13 5 STRANGERSARDANGERS 15 A Bailey 7-9 D Wright (5) 10
14 00 BROWLEA LYNDENE 35 D Moffatt 7-7 L Charnock 6
15 60 GRANGE DANCER 15 D Moffatt 7-7 Darren Moffatt (5) 5
16 0 SUPER TIMES 71 J Wilson 7-7 G Bardwell 4

7-2 Dangerous Shadow, 4-1 Roche Abbey, 5-1 Tutu Sixtysix, 6-1 Cotteir Chief, 8-1 Top Show, Prince Of Gaels, 10-1 Laurel Romeo, Fussy Sioux, 12-1 Strangersardangers, 12-1 Culsyth Flyer, 16-1 others

3.25 MELLING LIMITED STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,551: 6f) (9)

1 4000 BENZOE 25 (D,S) M W Easterby 8-11 T Lucas 7
2 3641 JAAZIM 20 (D,G) W Hern 8-11 W Carson 2
3 4251 PRINCELY FAVOUR 15 (D,F,S) R Hannon 8-11 T Quinn 8
4 2330 THE SHARP BIDDER 6 (D,G) R Hollinshead 8-11 K Darley 4
5 5450 TWO MOVES IN FRONT 16 (F,G,S) J Berry 8-11 P Roberts (7) 3
6 3013 ALASIB 31 (D,F) W Jarvis 8-6 L Dettori 6
7 0510 BOLD SEVEN 25 (D,BF,F,G) F Lee 8-6 S Perks 1
8 3100 MAGIC ORB 13 (F,G,S) J Spearing 8-6 A Mackay 9
9 5000 SIMPLY SOOTY 22 (S) B Millman 8-6 J Lowe 5

11-4 Alasib, 7-2 Magic Orb, 5-1 Princely Favour, 6-1 Jaazim, 8-1 Bold Seven, 10-1 Two Moves In Front, 12-1 The Sharp Bidder, 20-1 Benzoe, 25-1 Simply Sooty.

4.00 KIRKBY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,824: 1m 2f 120yd) (14)

1 1400 BLUE BLAZER 15 (C,G,S) B Hanbury 9-7 D Holland 9
2 0000 SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 7 C Cyzer 9-6 T Quinn 13
3 0004 HEATHYARDS BOY 13 (C,S) R Hollinshead 9-4 S Perks 2
4 5130 ALDERNEY PRINCE 13 (D,F) P Leach 9-3 S Drowne (7) 8
5 065 BEDEVIL 77 Mrs J Cecil 9-2 J Carroll 3
6 3622 DOC COTTRILL 98 (BF,S) Mrs J Ramsden 9-2 K Fallon 7
7 406 TREAD CAREFULLY 42 J Fanshawe 9-2 G Duffield 5
8 1615 MISS SHAGRA 34 (D,BF,G) M Stoute 9-1 B Raymond 10
9 4221 LT WELSH 31 (V,D,F) I Balding 9-1 L Dettori 12
10 0080 ERICOLIN 3 (D,G) C Brittain 8-13 B Doyle (3) 6
11 0410 DORAZINE 21 (CD,G,S) C Hill 8-6 P McCabe (7) 1
12 1210 PRESTON GUILD 28 (D,G,S) R Williams 8-6 W Carson 11
13 0001 BROUGHTONS FORMULA 7 (D,G) W Musson 7-13 (4ex) A Mackay 14
14 0300 RICH ASSET 77 C Booth 7-7 L Charnock 4

4-1 Lt Welsh, 5-1 Doc Cottrill, 11-2 Preston Guild, 6-1 Miss Shagra, 7-1 Dorazine, 8-1 Bedevil, Broughtons Formula, 10-1 Blue Blazer, 12-1 Tread Carefully, 16-1 Seasonal Splendour, Heathyards Boy, 20-1 others.

4.30 OUTLAND SELLING HANDICAP (£2,878: 6f) (24)

1 353- JOCKS JOKER 262 J Wilson 3-9-12 J Fortune 2
2 0003 SEAMERE 4 (B,D,F,G) B Cambidge 10-9-10 J Lowe 9
3 1000 TOP ONE 15 (D,F) C Hill 8-9-9 P McCabe (7) 21
4 4546 SUMMER EXPRESS 20 (D,G) J Spearing 4-9-5 A Mackay 13
5 1350 MAGICATION 10 (D,F) J Balding 3-9-5 Claire Balding (7) 1
6 0001 GENERAL JOHN 7 (D,G) P Haslam 4-9-5 K Darley 4
7 6552 LANGTONIAN 8 (B,D,G) J Berry 4-9-4 Ruth Coulter (7) 15
8 6400 COCONUT JOHNNY 7 (F,S) M Channon 3-9-4 R Painter (7) 14
9 0334 BLUE RADIANCE 37 (D,F) T Fairhurst 3-9-2 J Fanning 7
10 6150 CRAIGIE BOY 7 (D,G) N Bycroft 3-9-1 G Duffield 6
11 5445 SWINGING TICH 23 B McMahon 4-9-1 L Dettori 22
12 0006 BARBEZIEUX 8 (F,G,S) M Dods 6-9-1 V Halliday (7) 24
13 5000 MISS ARAGON 16 (D,G) Miss L Siddall 5-9-0 D McCabe (5) 18
14 0000 GREENWICH CHALLENGE 28 (V,G,S) C Smith 3-9-0 M Wigham 22
15 2564 STARDUST EXPRESS 8 (B,D,G) M Johnston 3-8-10 T Williams 16
16 000 STORM VIXEN 13 (V) C Tinkler 4-9-6 K Fallon 8
17 02-00 KILTROUM 10 (V) C Tinkler 4-8-7 M Birch 3
18 0000 ROBIX 8 D Chapman 3-8-7 S Wood 11
19 05-6 SAY SUNPAK 30 Mrs V Aconley 3-8-6 J Carroll 19
20 0060 FAIRFORD 35J (B) L Barratt 4-8-6 L Charnock 13
21 -000 LITTLE OSBORNE 16 (B) M Bell 3-8-5 M Fenton (3) 20
22 00-0 LAWNSWOOD PRINCE 4 (B) J Spearing 4-8-5 T Quinn 17
23 0602 SING AS WE GO 28 Bob Jones 3-8-5 N Carlisle 12
24 -000 COAT OF DREAMS 20 (D,G) B McMahon 4-8-4 S Dawson 5

9-2 General John, 6-1 Craigie Boy, 7-1 Langtonian, 8-1 Seamere, 10-1 Stardust Express, Little Osborne, Blue Radiance, 12-1 Top One, Summer Express, Coconut Johnny, 14-1 Jocks Joker, Sing As We Go, 16-1 others

5.05 BIRKDALE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,273: 1m 3f 200yd) (20)

1 350- AMILLIONMEMORIES 319 Mrs B Waring 9-7 S Webster 16
2 -054 FUNNY HILARIOUS 16 J Fanshawe 9-7 T Quinn 2
3 2110 CIVIL LAW 14 (CD,F,G) R Hollinshead 9-6 S Perks 10
4 -110 KARACHI 21 (G) C Brittain 9-5 B Doyle (3) 15
5 1624 PRINCESS TATEUM 23 (G) M Channon 9-4 R Painter (7) 7
6 0054 FOREVER SHINEING 17 (D,S) R Williams 9-2 W Carson 4
7 2534 GIORDANO 9 (V) P Evans 9-1 L Dettori 18
8 1345 HAZARD A GUESS 23 (V,F,S) Mrs J Ramsden 9-1 K Fallon 17
9 66-0 OLIVADI 120 L Cumani 9-1 J Weaver 20
10 2234 DOC SPOT 91 J Wilson 9-0 J Fortune 5
11 2544 ROMALITO 16 M Blanshard 8-12 K Darley 1
12 0320 KEDGE 30 R Johnson Houghton 8-9 J Carroll 14
13 0500 KAHLO 9 (B) M W Easterby 8-5 M Birch 11
14 3500 DON'T FORGET MARIE 14 (S) A Bailey 8-4 D Wright (5) 8
15 000 RIZ BIZ 25 M Bell 8-3 M Fenton (3) 9
16 1622 MILNGAVIE 9 (D,F,S) M Johnston 8-1 T Williams 13
17 6450 AMBARGE 42 M Brittain 7-12 A Mackay 12
18 0053 SKY BURST 56 L Cottrell 7-11 N Carlisle 19
19 0012 JOLIS ABSENT 45 (D,BF,F) M Ryan 7-10 G Bardwell 3
20 0440 RAGS ASSAYF 43 R Whitaker 7-8 J Fanning 6

5-1 Jolis Absent, 6-1 Funny Hilarious, 13-2 Karachi, 7-1 Civil Law, 8-1 Forever Shineing, Milngavie, 10-1 Hazard A Guess, Princess Tateum, 12-1 Giordano, Olivadi, 14-1 Doc Spot, 16-1 Romalito, Kedge, 20-1 others.

5.35 CLOCK FACE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,176: 1m 30yd) (15)

1 5433 ALCOVE 25 R Hannon 9-0 L Dettori 1
2 FAWLTY TOWERS P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 7
3 306 JOE JAGGER 27 M Hammond 9-0 M Birch 3
4 3 MAGNETIC REEL 15 J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 5
5 OLIVER-J R Lee 9-0 O Pears (3) 12
6 2 RAFTER-J 6 Miss J Doyle 9-0 M Perrett 10
7 0 SCUD MISSILE 20 R Johnson Houghton 9-0 D Holland 9
8 SWEDISH INVADER A Scott 9-0 B Raymond 14
9 0 TOMMY COOPER 30 Mrs B Waring 9-0 S Webster 13
10 WILCUMA P Makin 9-0 K Darley 2
11 63 CRISTAL SPRINGS 41 A Harrison 8-9 J Fortune 15
12 LADY FAIRFAX R Boss 8-9 G Duffield 6
13 0 LADY GWEN 9 J O'Neill 8-9 K Fallon 11
14 06 MISS MILLIPEDE 70 J Etherington 8-9 A Culhane 8
15 00 TROPICAL VISTA 23 R Voorspuy 8-9 J Lowe 4

5-2 Alcove, 7-2 Fawlty Towers, 5-1 Joe Jagger, 6-1 Swedish Invader, 7-1 Rafter-J, 8-1 Magnetic Reel, Cristal Springs, 10-1 Wilcumba, 12-1 Scud Missile, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Bob Jones, 5 winners from 11 runners, 45.5%; R Boss, 11 from 34, 32.4%; R Williams, 5 from 20, 25.0%, M Bell, 7 from 34, 20.6%, L Cumani, 14 from 73, 19.2%; P Cole, 8 from 42, 19.0%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 18 wins from 92 rides, 19.6%, S Sanders, 3 from 17, 17.6%; W Carson, 13 from 87, 14.9%, T Quinn, 8 from 64, 12.5%, D Holland, 6 from 50, 12.0%, B Raymond, 14 from 121, 11.6%

Blinkered first time

KEMPTON. 2.05 So Saucy. 4.40 Findon Academy. HAYDOCK. 2.15 My Gallery. 4.30 Stardust Express, Storm Vixen. 5.05 Giordano, Kahlo

SEDGEFIELD

THUNDERER
2.30 Sharp Sensation. 3.00 Trooper Thorn. 3.30 Second Attempt. 4.00 Bartondale. 4.30 Notable Exception. 5.00 Lady Donoghue.

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2.30 BRITVIC CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (£1,749: 2m 1f 110yd) (7 runners)

1 0U-0 BALLY FLAME 6 Mrs M Kendall 7-11-5 A Thornton
2 P60/ BELFORT PRINCE 53F (F,G) Mrs S Bradburne 6-11-6 P Williams
3 30-3 NEARCTIC BAY 22 (S) T Bill 7-11-6 M Hourigan
4 04F- STAGS FELL 100 (C,F,G) G Moore 8-11-6 N Stocks (3)
5 PU- IMPERIAL FLAME 95 Mrs J Can Evans 7-11-1 R Davis
6 -602 SHAYNA MAIDEL 4 J Birkett 4-11-0 D J Moffatt
7 SHARP SENSATION 16F M Hammond 3-10-5 S Lyons

Evens Stags Fell, 7-2 Sharp Sensation, 11-2 Nearctic Bay, Shayna Maidel, 8-1 Belfort Prince, 33-1 others.

3.00 BULMERS CIDER NOVICES HURDLE (£1,764: 2m 5f 110yd) (3)

1 2 LUKS AKURA 14 (B,BF) M Johnston 5-11-0 R Dunwoody
2 -403 TROOPER THORN 11 S Pittendrigh 9-11-0 A Maguire
3 300- FREE TRANSFER 9F G Moore 4-10-12 J Callaghan

11-10 Trooper Thorn, 13-8 Luks Akura, 5-2 Free Transfer

3.35 GUINNESS NOVICES CHASE (£2,238: 2m 5f) (3)

1 U4U- DROMINA STAR 95 Mrs S Bradburne 12-11-0 P Williams (5)
2 /P43 SECOND ATTEMPT 6 B Mactaggart 9-11-0 B Storey
3 34-3 NISHKINA 34 (F,S) M H Easterby 5-10-11 L Wyer

Evens Second Attempt, 6-4 Nishkina, 100-30 Dromin Star.

4.05 CASTLE EDEN ALE CHILTON CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (£2,928: 2m 5f) (3)

1 33-1 CHARMING GALE 14 (F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 6-11-12 P Williams (5)
2 2U4- RED UNDER THE BED 113 (F,C) Mrs S Bramall 6-11-5 J Burke (7)
3 -433 BARTONDALE 4 (F) J Bradley 8-10-7 R Farrant (5)

10-11 Charming Gale, 5-4 Red Under The Bed, 7-2 Bartondale.

4.35 WHITBREAD BEST SCOTCH HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,538: 2m 5f 110yd) (2)

1 626- MR REINER 100 (CD,F,G,S) J Wade 5-11-10 D Ryan (7)
2 012- NOTABLE EXCEPTION 104F (G,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-11-1 P Niven

8-15 Notable Exception, 6-5 Mr Reiner

5.10 WHITBREAD TROPHY SPECIAL NOVICES HURDLE (£1,844: 2m 1f 110yd) (9)

1 POCKETPICKER G Coatsworth 5-11-0 A Merrigan
2 P-0 COMMON COUNCIL 14 (V) M Hammond 4-10-12 C Grant
3 3- FATHER DAN 15F Gay Kelleway 4-10-12 A Maguire
4 0 LORD VIVIENNE 22 Mrs F Barker 4-10-12 C Hawkins
5 060- PERSIAN LION 18F F Watson 4-10-12 K Johnson
6 CRESELLY 9F R Allan 6-10-9 B Storey
7 JOVIAL KATE 32F B Ellison 6-10-9 A Orkney
8 4-2 LADY DONOGHUE 14 (BF) Mrs M Reveley 4-10-7 P Niven
9 3 TRUBEN 14 (BF) Miss L Perratt 4-10-7 G McCourt

13-8 Creselly, 9-4 Lady Donoghue, 7-2 Truben, 9-1 Common Council, 14-1 Father Dan, 20-1 Lord Vivienne, 25-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 49 winners from 160 runners, 30.6%. M H Easterby, 20 from 78, 25.6%; G Moore, 25 from 121, 20.7%. B Ellison, 7 from 38, 18.4%, Mrs S A Bramall, 6 from 53, 11.3%, only qualifiers

JOCKEYS. P Niven, 48 wins from 182 rides, 26.4%; L Wyer, 21 from 90, 23.3%; G McCourt, 7 from 30, 23.3%, C Grant, 44 from 205, 21.5%, A Thornton, 3 from 14, 21.4%, J Callaghan, 14 from 97, 14.4%

League Leader has Ascot objective

LEAGUE Leader was given a superbly confident ride by Walter Swinburn to win yesterday's £20,000 Sun Life of Canada Centenary Rated Stakes at York. The son of Shirley Heights will now contest the Ascot Handicap at the Festival of British Racing on September 25.

His trainer, Michael Stoute, said: "League Leader is a progressive staying type. We have always liked him. He's a very tough and honest horse and will carry a 4lb penalty in the Ascot race, which takes his weight to 7st 8lb."

Lucky Guest leads raid

LUCKY Guest, who will be ridden by Lester Piggott, One Off the Rail, Fumo Di Londra, Polish Admiral, Owington and Roman Reel are the five British runners at Baden-Baden today.

Lucky Guest and One Off the Rail contest the £16,327 listed Preis der Stadt Baden-Baden over ten furlongs. Lucky Guest won the race three years ago.

Fumo Di Londra, Owington, Roman Reel and Polish Admiral run in the six-furlong Moet & Chandon Rennen, a group two event.

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RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

York

Going: good to firm

2.00 (6f) 1, Pinkerton's Pal (M Birch, 7-2); 2, Gneiss (6-1); 3, Mur Taasha (10-11 fav). 9 ran. Hd, sh hd. C Brittain. Tote: £3.70; £1.30, £1.80, £1.20. DF: £17.40. CSF: £24.64. 1min 13.78sec.

2.30 (6f 214yd) 1, Karinska (D McCabe, 9-1); 2, Zinbaq (16-1); 3, State Flyer (33-1); 4, Beyn (100-1). Northern Chief 5-1 fav. 22 ran. NR: Poleden. 3l, nk. M Chapman. Tote: £9.70; £2.30, £4.10, £14.40, £28.80. DF: £116.50. Trio: not won. CSF: £139.64. Tricast: £4,140.40. 1min 24.81sec.

3.00 (1m 205yd) 1, Muhtarram (W Carson, 8-13 fav); 2, Port Lucaya (3-1); 3, Colway Rock (5-1). 4 ran. Nk, 10l. J Gosden. Tote: £1.50. DF: £1.80. Trio: £10.00. CSF: £2.75. 1min 51.19sec.

3.30 (1m 3f 195yd) 1, League Leader (W R Swinburn, 15-8); 2, Dareclif (6-1); 3, Meavy (10-1). Spring To Action 13-8 fav. 5 ran. 1l, 1½l. M Stoute. Tote: £2.50; £1.50, £2.10. DF: £10.80. CSF: £11.57. 2min 32.28sec.

4.00 (7f 202yd) 1, Ballard Ring (J Fanning, 13-2); 2, Northern Bailiwick (12-1); 3, Ovideo (8-1). Silver Slipper 11-4 fav. 9 ran. Sh hd, 2½l. J Wainwright. Tote: £8.40; £2.00, £2.50, £2.20. DF: £63.60. Trio: £105.60. Tricast: £575.14. 1min 40.73sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood. CSF: £70.99.

4.30 (6f) 1, Braari (W Carson, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Promise Fulfilled (7-2); 3, Double Down (9-4 jt-fav). 5 ran. 3½l, 1½l. B Hills. Tote: £3.10; £1.80, £1.60. DF: £7.90. CSF: £9.63. 1min 13.16sec.

Jackpot: £3,784.70. Placepot: £340.20.

Salisbury

Going: good to firm (firm in places)

2.20 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, Nemea (T Quinn, 6-1); 2, Muloiber (7-1); 3, Quick Silver Boy (12-1). Silk Island 3-1 fav. 15 ran. 1¾l, ¾l. J Fanshawe. Tote: £6.60; £2.00, £3.50, £2.70. DF: £25.40. CSF: £46.42. 2min 7.74sec.

2.50 (1m 6f) 1, Tioman Island (T Quinn, 9-4); 2, Edbaysaan (Evens fav); 3, Bright Spells (8-1). 5 ran. 3l, nk. P Cole. Tote: £3.40; £1.40, £1.10. DF: £2.10. CSF: £4.64. 3min 3.19sec.

3.20 (6f 212yd) 1, Silent Expression (C Hodgson, 16-1); 2, Teanarco (7-1); 3, Bellasecret (25-1). Pluck 9-4 fav. 13 ran. 2l, nk. D Morris. Tote: £8.50; £2.30, £2.40, £6.50. DF: £40.00. CSF: £117.69. Tricast: £2,550.86. 1min 26.84sec.

3.50 (6f) 1, Prophecy (Pat Eddery, 7-2); 2, Blue Siren (11-2); 3, Crystal Magic (7-1). Arecibo 7-4 fav. 5 ran. NR: Sweet Decision. ¾l, 4l. J Gosden. Tote: £3.30; £1.70, £2.30. DF: £9.20. CSF: £19.37. 1min 13.73sec.

4.20 (6f 212yd) 1, Balanchine (J Reid, 1-2 fav; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Devotee (9-1); 3, Oh Susannah (11-1). 15 ran. NR: My Moona, Wiregins. 3l, 1l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £1.60; £1.40, £2.00, £2.00. DF: £5.80. CSF: £7.22. 1min 27.42sec.

4.50 (5f) 1, Bodari (D Harrison, 10-1); 2, Batchworth Bound (9-1); 3, Supreme Boy (7-1). Choir Practice 3-1 fav. 12 ran. 2½l, 1l. D Wilson. Tote: £10.70; £3.30, £2.40, £2.20. DF: £56.00. Trio: £155.80. CSF: £91.91. Tricast: £621.04. 1min 0.39sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £81.40.

Yarmouth

Going: good

2.10 (1m 3f 101yd) 1, Scorpius (K Darley, 7-4); 2, Rumpus (11-10 fav); 3, Suivez (16-1). 9 ran. 1½l, 3l. M Stoute. Tote: £2.60; £1.30, £1.10, £2.30. DF: £2.20. CSF: £4.25.

2.40 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, Cosmic Star (W Ryan, 10-1); 2, Elegant Hussar (9-2); 3, Roly Wallace (14-1). Vanroy 6-4 fav. 8 ran. NR: Pearled. 1½l, nk. S Woods. Tote: £15.80; £3.60, £2.60. DF: £20.70. CSF: £47.56.

3.10 (1m 3yd) 1, King's Theatre (W Ryan, 1-3 fav; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Sherman (25-1); 3, Prisciän's Head (25-1). 9 ran. 5l, 1l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £1.10, £2.90. DF: £10.40. CSF: £10.51.

3.40 (7f 3yd) 1, Benfleet (R Price, 11-1); 2, Admiring (12-1); 3, Lunar Mission (100-30 fav). 10 ran. 2l, hd. R Armstrong. Tote: £11.90; £4.00, £2.40, £1.50. DF: £118.60. CSF: £119.14. Tricast: £489.23.

4.10 (7f 3yd) 1, Shining Jewel (L Piggott, 10-11 fav); 2, Jokist (6-1); 3, Our Shadee. 12 ran. 1½l, 3l. Mrs L Piggott. Tote: £1.80; £1.30, £1.70, £1.60. DF: £4.90. CSF: £7.10.

4.40 (6f 3yd) 1, Sylvan Starlight (G Duffield 14-1); 2, Restore (50-1); 3, Jess Rebec (11-1); 4, Spring High (15-2). Trevorsninepoints 9-4 fav. 17 ran. 1¾l, 1½l. M Prescott. Tote: £18.80; £2.60, £9.70, £3.80, £2.00. DF: £387.70. Trio: £412.50. CSF: £512.11. Tricast: £7,048.12.

Placepot: £276.80.

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O'Sullivan turns attention to world record



David Powell looks forward to the grand prix meeting in Brussels tonight as a chase for gold bars usurps the race for medals

A YEAR ago, Sonia O'Sullivan was wondering whether she could afford to become a full-time athlete. Two more victories this season, at the Ivo Van Damme memorial meeting here tonight and at the grand prix final in London next Friday, and she will have enough money never to have to work again.

Not that she would choose to retire; O'Sullivan is enjoying life too much as the world's most prolific woman middle distance runner. The calculations going through her mind yesterday were not of income she might earn in the next week — she is one of only three athletes in contention for a $380,000 (£250,000) jackpot — but of split times she needs for a world record in the 3,000 metres tonight.

O'Sullivan, who in Stuttgart last month became the first woman from Ireland to win a world championship medal, has asked the pacemakers to take her through 1,500 metres in 4min 10sec, which should be comfortable enough for a an athlete who has broken four minutes this season. Whether she can maintain the momentum once the 800 metres runner, Maria Akraka, and the 1,500 metres specialist, Lyubov Kremlyova, step aside is questionable.

The world record of 8min 22.62sec, held by Tatyana Kazankina, of the former Soviet Union, is nine years old. But for the Chinese, O'Sullivan would be a double world champion now, having finished second to Dong Liu in the 1,500 metres and fourth behind the Chinese medal sweep in the 3,000 metres. The Chinese do not participate on the grand prix circuit, so O'Sullivan has been the dominant woman middle distance runner and she is beginning to think like Noureddine Morceli: too good for the opposition, so go for the records.

But, on the subject of money, she differs from Morceli, the world champion and world record holder at 1,500 metres. Morceli agreed to compete in the world championships only after threatening to boycott unless the International Amateur Athletic Federation saw its way to boosting his bank account. Agreement was reached and Morceli, you can be sure, will be thinking of the big money at stake over the next week.

O'Sullivan insisted yesterday that she was not motivated by money and evidence followed when Wilfried Meert, the Brussels meeting director, confirmed that a $30,000 bonus had been agreed for Morceli to break the mile world record tonight, while no such discussion with O'Sullivan for a 3,000 metres record had taken place.

Only O'Sullivan, Morceli and Maria Mutola, the 800 metres world champion, remain in contention for the combined wealth that victory in the so-called "golden four" meetings, and overall victory in the grand prix, can bring.

The group of six athletes still in the hunt for the 20 gold bars, worth $250,000 and to be shared between "golden four" winners, was reduced to five yesterday when Merlene Ottey, the 200 metres world champion, withdrew from the competition tonight because of injury.

Two others, Michael Johnson and Trine Hattestad, cannot win the overall grand prix. Hattestad's discipline, the javelin, is not a designated grand prix event this season and Johnson is too far behind on points because he has made relatively few appearances in the grand prix at 400 metres.

Therefore, only Morceli, O'Sullivan and Mutola have a hold on the gold bars, the $100,000 for being men's or women's overall grand prix champion, and the $30,000 for being an individual event grand prix champion.

Neither Sally Gunnell nor Colin Jackson appeared in all three previous "golden four" meetings, at Oslo, Zurich and Berlin, but are among the seven men and seven women still vying for the overall grand prix. No Briton has ever won the women's overall grand prix and Gunnell can end the hopes of two of the six who can stop her, Sandra Farmer-Patrick and Kim Batten, by beating them in the 400 metres hurdles tonight.

Gunnell's four other challengers are Ottey, if she recovers from injury in time to run at Crystal Palace next Friday, Mutola, Stefka Kostadinova (high jump) and Valentina Fedyushina (shot).

Gunnell can afford to lose tonight and still win the overall, but Jackson must win here in the 110 metres hurdles.

Linford Christie, Britain's other world champion, is out of contention because the 100 metres is not a grand prix event this summer. Christie has a hard task tonight against Leroy Burrell, Jon Drummond and Andre Cason.

David Grindley, who broke the British record earlier this season but was forced to miss the world championships with injury, makes his return against Johnson in the 400 metres.

Bath rise brings Ricketts reward

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL
BY WALTER GAMMIE

TONY Ricketts signed a new contract with Bath City on Wednesday that will keep him at Twerton Park until June 1995, recognition of his team's ascent to the top of the table four matches into the GM Vauxhall Conference season after a fruitful summer's work recruiting young blood to the side.

At the end of last season, Ricketts realised the club had to thank old stagers such as Graham Withey and Paul Randall, the club's leading goalscorer, for loyal service rendered and give Bath fresh impetus.

Lengthy negotiations with Richard Cooke, of Bournemouth, proved unavailing but Ricketts fielded two young players, Paul Adcock, from Plymouth Argyle, and Paul Chenoweth, from Bristol Rovers, in the team for the first match against Macclesfield Town.

Adcock, desperate to return to the football league, scored a hat-trick in a 5-1 win and followed it up with another goal in a 4-0 home victory over Kidderminster Harriers on Monday. Chenoweth, his former Rovers team-mate, Wayne Noble, and Paul Batty, 29, who impressed last season in Yeovil Town's FA Cup tie with Arsenal, have all settled into the side.

With a win at Altrincham and a draw at Merthyr, Ricketts, 34, player-manager for the past two seasons, who has made more than 500 appearances for Bath, announced he was stepping into semi-retirement.

Although Bath, who have shared their Twerton Park ground with Bristol Rovers since 1986, had their ground passed by the Football League on Monday, Paul Britton, the club secretary, said: "What we really want to do is establish ourselves as a solidly-based Conference outfit.

"We are struggling to clear a £90,000 shortfall in the insurance on the fire in our stand in 1990 and we cannot hope to compete with the rugby club here, which has got to be the best in the country. This week, though, we had to reopen our season-ticket sales on the strength of what people had seen so far. Long may it continue."

☐ The Football League and supporters' organisations yesterday unveiled an initiative designed to promote closer links between clubs and their fans. The league have teamed up with the Football Supporters Association and the National Federation of Football Supporters' Clubs to ensure the continuation of a healthy and viable Football League into the next century.

Injury to keep Platt out until November

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

GREAT Britain will be without Andy Platt, of Wigan, who is generally regarded as the best prop forward in rugby league, for the three-match series against New Zealand in the autumn. Of a string of likely absentees, his loss, due to a shoulder injury, will be felt most keenly.

Platt said yesterday that he did not expect to resume playing before November. Martin Offiah is also struggling with a shoulder problem, and his Wigan team-mate, the hooker, Martin Dermott, may require surgery after dislocating his elbow for a third time.

The series against the much improved New Zealanders, starting at Wembley on October 16, will be a searching test for Malcolm Reilly, the Great Britain coach, whose warnings about players being overworked appear to have been vindicated.

With the tour to Australia and New Zealand last summer, Offiah and Platt played domestic seasons without a break. The long-term consequence is only now being realised.

As an indication of what Great Britain will miss, Platt was a unanimous inclusion in the coaches' select XIII in the annual *Rothmans Rugby League Yearbook*. Only Platt and Phil Clarke, the Wigan back-row forward, attracted total support, and Offiah is the only player to be included for a fifth consecutive year.

Widnes, after the loss of eight players, have managed to stem the flow of departures by persuading their international centre, Darren Wright, to come off the transfer-list, and have signed the Welsh centre, Paul Reynolds, from Rochdale Hornets on loan.

The patience of St Helens is wearing thin over the signing of Scott Gibbs, the Welsh international rugby union centre. Gibbs met Swansea officials yesterday to discuss a package aimed at keeping him at the club.

At the disciplinary committee hearing in Leeds last night, Alan Hunte, the St Helens international winger, was banned for four games after a high tackle in the defeat at Hull Kingston Rovers last Sunday. Sonny Nickle, will miss two matches for dangerous use of the elbow.

ROTHMANS COACHES' SELECT XIII: A Tait (Leeds), A Hunte (St Helens), D Bell (Wigan), G Connolly (St Helens, now Wigan), M Offiah (Wigan), T Ropati (St Helens) S Edwards (Wigan), K Ward (St Helens), M Dermott (Wigan), A Platt (Wigan), D Betts (Wigan), P Clarke (Wigan), T Nikau (Castleford)

Chiefs armed with Montana's senior service

Robert Kirley on the ageing quarterbacks hoping to dominate the National Football League this season



Joe Montana, 37, now with the Kansas City Chiefs, during a pre-season match against the Buffalo Bills. Photograph: Orlin Wagner

As his second year on the bench was ending, Joe Montana looked as if he was ready to buff his four Super Bowl rings and slip into retirement. But on a Monday night last December, in the final game of the National Football League season, the venerable quarterback shredded Detroit 24-6. Just Plain Joe looked like Super Joe all over again.

The Kansas City Chiefs were so impressed they acquired him from the San Francisco 49ers and now hope he will lead them to Super Bowl XXVIII in Atlanta on January 30. In a league that prizes youth, Montana, 37, is one of many senior quarterbacks who will be relied on during the season, which opens on Sunday.

The Denver Broncos gave John Elway, 33, a new four-year, $20 million contract, dismissed the coach, Dan Reeves, and rebuilt the offensive line to Elway's liking. The often-bruised Jim McMahon, 33, who led Chicago to victory in the Super Bowl eight seasons ago, signed as a free agent with the Minnesota Vikings, his fourth club in six years. He was installed as the starter.

Phil Simms, approaching 38, was targeted for retirement during Ray Handley's unhappy coaching tenure. Simms was reinstalled as the starter by Reeves, the new Giants coach. Jeff Hostetler, a ten-year veteran, who was given the brush-off when Reeves promoted Simms, signed as a free agent with the Los Angeles Raiders, that raucous haven of scarred old buzzards. The Raiders also re-signed Vince Evans, 38, who upset Washington in their final game last season.

The New York Jets traded for Boomer Esiason, 32, despite his three-year slump in Cincinnati, and Jim Kelly, 33, still directs the Buffalo attack despite three successive Super Bowl defeats.

Elderly passers are prominent because the colleges have stopped turning out professional-quality quarterbacks. In the draft of 1983, six quarterbacks were selected in the first round: Elway, Todd Blackledge, Tony Eason, Kelly, Ken O'Brien and Dan Marino. Elway and Kelly have each quarterbacked three Super Bowl teams. Marino and Eason one each.

Troy Aikman, who led the Dallas Cowboys to the championship last January, is the only exceptional quarterback to advance from college to the big time in the past five seasons. Only two young passers are remotely in his league, Jeff George, mired in contract problems with Indianapolis, and Brett Favre, of Green Bay.

The Chiefs, who made do with Steve DeBerg and Dave Krieg at quarterback, are one of only four teams (with Buffalo, San Francisco and Philadelphia) to win ten games in each of the past three seasons. They have won 17 of their last 21 divisional games, but their shortcoming has been away games (3-5 last year).

Montana should improve on that, provided the Chiefs can shield him from too much abuse. Krieg was sacked 48 times last year. Christian Okoye, the leading rusher in club history, has been released because of a knee injury, making success with the short-passing game essential.

Another leading player to change teams is Reggie White, an indomitable sacker who left Philadelphia and joined Green Bay ($17 million, four years) after being courted by several clubs.

The highlight of the first weekend will be the Monday night game between the Cowboys and the Redskins in Washington, rivals in the National Football Conference (NFC) East division, which has produced the last three Super Bowl winners. The NFC has won nine Super Bowls in a row by an average score of 39-16, including 20-19 and 20-16 results. The NFC has an advantage with its bigger, tougher defensive front sevens, and despite the reputation of AFC quarterbacks, five of the top six last year were in the NFC (Young, Miller, Aikman, Cunningham and Favre). The five top receivers were in the NFC (Sharpe, Irvin, Rice, Rison and Barnett), as was the leading rusher, Smith, of Dallas.

The goal of the AFC this season is to become competitive in a league that has tipped so far in favour of the NFC that the most enthralling aspect of the Super Bowl these days is the half-time show. Help is on hand in the coaching ranks. Bill Parcells, who led the New York Giants to two Super Bowl titles, has left the broadcasting booth to coach the New England Patriots, and Buddy Ryan, formerly of Chicago and Philadelphia, is coaching the Houston defence.

Paul Tagliabue, the NFL commissioner, describes this as the "brain drain" that, in time, may benefit the AFC at the end of January. This time around, however, look for Dallas to beat Denver in the Super Bowl.

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NFC East

The Cowboys have more going for them than most clubs trying to retain the Super Bowl championship. They were the youngest team in the league last season and ranked No 1 in defence after ranking seventeenth the year before. Shrewd talent-spotters, they made 46 trades to build a champion in four years. Nobody looks better.

PREDICTION: 1, Dallas Cowboys; 2, Washington Redskins; 3 NY Giants; 4, Phoenix Cardinals; 5, Philadelphia Eagles.

NFC Central

The sack-master, Reggie White, bolsters the Green Bay defence. Brett Favre, the Packers quarterback, ranked sixth, just ahead of Dan Marino, in his first season as a starter, and he made the Pro Bowl at the age of 23. His passing to the record-setting Sterling Sharpe (108 catches) is just as good as Young-to-Rice at San Francisco.

PREDICTION: 1, Green Bay Packers; 2, Minnesota Vikings; 3, Detroit Lions; 4, Chicago Bears; 5, Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

NFC West

Steve Young, of San Francisco, was the first to finish 100-plus in two successive seasons in the league's quarterback ratings. He led the club to its league-record tenth successive season with victories in double figures. Splendid Jerry Rice is still effective and Ricky Watters (1,013 yards rushing, 43 catches in rookie year) is getting better.

PREDICTION: 1, San Francisco 49ers; 2, New Orleans Saints; 3, Atlanta Falcons; 4, Los Angeles Rams.

AFC East

Buffalo, three-time Super Bowl losers, want to get it right this time. This is essentially the same team that overcame a 32-point, third-quarter deficit to beat Houston in the play-offs. It is not a squad of old-stagers. Jim Kelly will probably direct a more conservative passing game. Keep an eye on the "rematch" at Dallas next weekend.

PREDICTION: 1, Buffalo Bills; 2, Miami Dolphins; 3, New York Jets; 4, New England Patriots; 5, Indianapolis Colts.

AFC Central

Pittsburgh are again counting on youth, consistency and the fire of Bill Cowher, their coach. Barry Foster, the AFC's leading rusher, is 25; Jeff Graham, their top receiver, is 24. They play well at home but must improve their away results. Rod Woodson, the sensational cornerback, should turn in a great season before becoming a free agent.

PREDICTION: 1, Pittsburgh Steelers; 2, Houston Oilers; 3, Cleveland Browns; 4, Cincinnati Bengals.

AFC West

The Denver attack and coaching staff, led by Wade Phillips, have been modified to John Elway's specifications. Expect fewer long "bombs" and more short, San Francisco-style passes. Elway missed four successive games last year, so the line has been beefed up for his protection. The defensive strength is in linebackers and safeties.

PREDICTION: 1, Denver Broncos; 2, Kansas City Chiefs; 3, LA Raiders; 4, San Diego Chargers; 5, Seattle Seahawks.

FIXTURES: First week: Sunday: Atlanta at Detroit; Cincinnati at Cleveland; Denver at NY Jets, Kansas City at Tampa Bay; Green Bay v LA Rams (at Milwaukee); Miami at Indianapolis; Minnesota at LA Raiders; New England at Buffalo; NY Giants at Chicago; Phoenix at Philadelphia; San Francisco at Pittsburgh; Seattle at San Diego; Houston at New Orleans. Monday: Dallas at Washington.

PLAY-OFF FIXTURES: January 8-9: wild-card games. January 15-16: AFC and NFC semi-finals. January 23: AFC and NFC finals. January 30: Super Bowl XXVIII (at Georgia Dome, Atlanta). February 6: Pro Bowl (at Honolulu).

☐ Inductees into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, this year include three former players, Walter Payton, the Chicago Bears running back; Dan Fouts, the San Diego Chargers quarterback, and Larry Little, the Miami Dolphins offensive guard, and two former coaches, Bill Walsh, San Francisco, and Chuck Noll, Pittsburgh.



FORTHCOMING COMPANY GOLF DAYS

Sept 4	Banque Paribas (at Whitehill)	60 players
Sept 4	Iberia Airlines (at Mearn Valley)	40 players
Sept 6	Polycon Packaging Ltd (at Dereham)	30 players
Sept 6	Prudential-Bache (Futures) Ltd (at Hanbury Manor)	60 players
Sept 7	Fred Olsen Ltd (at Ufford Park)	60 players
Sept 7	Morgan Grenfell Investment Management (at Sunningdale Manor)	50 players
Sept 7	Royal Mail (at Wycombe Heights)	30 players
Sept 8	Skipton Building Society (at Skipton)	80 players
Sept 8	MVA (at Guildford)	40 players
Sept 9	The British Precast Concrete Federation Ltd (at Hawkstone Park)	50 players
Sept 9	Community Hospitals Group (at John O'Gaunt)	60 players
Sept 9	Monklands & Bellshill Hospitals NHS Trust (at Airdrie)	35 players
Sept 9	The Sigma Group Ltd (at Sandford Springs)	30 players
Sept 9	G E Information Services Ltd (at Foxhills)	60 players
Sept 10	Barclaycard (at Willesly Park)	40 players
Sept 10	Du Pont (UK) Ltd (at Collingtree Park)	55 players
Sept 10	DOGS (at Kings Norton)	30 players

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FREUD ON FRIDAY

Among the week's television nostalgia, we have been getting consistent reminders of the late lamented *That Was The Week That Was*. Had our programme lived, instead of being axed 30 years ago, I am convinced that tomorrow's edition of TW3 would have done a sizeable feature on drink and sport.

Tuesday was a good day. On Tuesday, British Coal pulled out of sponsoring the British rugby league team ... and up strode John Smith's Fine Ales of Tadcaster. Smith's Bitter is now the name on everyone's shirts. While one may argue about whether coal-dust or alcohol does less harm to a player, producers of ale seem to me more apposite patrons of sport than closers of pits.

Stones Bitter already sponsors the rugby league championship; I understand that British Nuclear Fuels are not about to make an offer.

Also on Tuesday, The Famous Grouse whisky announced that it would pour over £1 million into the Scottish rugby union team.

I suspect Famous Grouse came up and Scottish rugby said thank you. Grouse is good stuff, comes high on my list of best blended whiskies, being full and well balanced and containing an unusually high proportion of matured malts.

But had there been more offers from distillers, had a few dozen proprietors come up with similar sums which, being Scots, they would not increase ... what a grand tasting there might have been to determine the winner.

Generations of heather-kilted ex-internationals gather at the Caird Hall in Dundee to sample the liquor of the applicants and decide, after a couple of weeks of diligent research, which brew will have the honour of having its name inscribed on the players' tunics.

Should it be a blend or a single malt? Proof or over-proof; full-bodied rich and mellow with the clean sharpness of the East or the soft peatiness of the Western distilleries?

Might they settle on the floweriness, the delicate yet unmistakable flavour of Glenmorangie (which people south of the border steadily mispronounce: it is the Morang not the Rangie which is stressed) and suppose they plumped for a joint bid from Islay's Bruichladdich and Bunnahabhain — names that would be as intimidating to the opposition as was the warpaint on Hughes's and Warne's faces. What if they had to print Long John on their vests?

Johnnie Walker sponsors the Ryder Cup. Having just spent some halcyon days at Turnberry, I believe that golf and scotch is a marriage made in heaven and I salute them (I have backed the USA to win).

I am less sure about the rightness of cricket and beer. The two firms involved in sponsoring the Test series are still in the debriefing stage. Statistically, Castlemaine XXXX outperformed Tetley's Bitter: played 6, won 4, drew 1, lost 1.

The XXXX's might think they did best — but because of their team's superiority there were great swathes of time when Tetley's had 11 men bearing their logos on the televised field of play while Castlemaine had but two. When it came to logo watching-time, Tetley's won hands down.

Also, a series played in a country where Dunkirk and Bannockburn are held in higher regard than El Alamein and Agincourt, causes empathy for the defeated; empathy best accompanied by a few jars of the losers' tipple. When these facts have been collated it is likely that, for the next home series, the underdogs will command the higher sponsorship fee.

There may come a time when Sanatogen tie up sponsorship of the over-60s Come Dancing competition — but, to date, the most apposite "angel" has been Lucozade, who bought the Stuttgart world athletics championships.

Lucozade will do no one any harm, always provided they can keep the stuff down, which is more than can be said about milk. The Milk Board generously and efficiently sponsor cycle races around our green and pleasant land.

Milk is a terrific drink. I occasionally take it in tea, sometimes make myself a cup of Ovaltine at night. A milk-shake constructed of one glass milk, three ice cubes, a tablespoon of honey and good glug of dark rum is excellent news. But dieticians the world over advise athletes to avoid a surfeit of animal fat and the cyclist who fills himself with milk will not succeed.

This takes us to the battle of cokes: Coca-Cola sponsor the Olympic Games, ice hockey and athletics. Pepsi have this close tie with Michael Jackson. Whatever the truth of the allegations in California, neither Jackson's performance nor Pepsi's taste will change ... but some people are going to think before they watch one or sip the other.

There can be downsides to the sponsorship business: when the person who is sponsored becomes disenchanted with the patron's product or behaviour — or the sponsor discovers that the image he has purchased has, no matter how unfairly, become tarnished. What is certain is that corporate sponsorship of individuals is going to be examined with ever-increasing care.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (16222)
7.00 Breakfast News (33941067)
9.05 Gravedale High. Ghoulish cartoon series (r) (2579845) **9.35 Tricks 'n' Tracks.** Last in the music and magic series (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5107845)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1163970) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (5906203) **10.25 Lassie.** The canny canine has a close encounter with a shark. (Ceefax) (5915951) **10.50 T 'n' T Live** presented by Andi Peters (1339048)
11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1802947) **11.05 The High Chaparral.** Vintage western adventures (r) (1432777) **11.50 The History Man.** Bryan McNerney visits Wymondham Abbey, Norfolk (r) (1302574)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8249135) **12.05 King Of the Road Revisited.** Ross King meets rally driver Louise Aitken-Walker (s) (8614280) **12.30 Pebble Mill Encore** (s) (2272203) **12.55 Regional News** (29024680)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Edward Stourton. (Ceefax) Weather (39390)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (61564241) **1.50 Going For Gold** presented by the inestimable Henry Kelly (s) (61575357)
2.15 The Flying Doctors. Medical drama series set in the Australian outback. (Ceefax) (s) (5618203) **3.00 The Way Of the Lakes.** Nature conservation in the Lake District (2615425)
3.25 Lifeline. John Craven with an appeal on behalf of the Gardening for the Disabled Trust (r) (s) (5750425) **3.35 Home Free: The Return of the Bald Eagle.** One man's efforts to re-establish the bald eagle in Massachusetts (r) (4722845) **4.05 Animal Heroes.** Two cartoons based on actual cases of animal bravery (9096357)
4.10 Babar (r) (8931845) **4.35 Summer with Selik.** Last of the three-part Norwegian documentary series. (Ceefax) (1729319)
5.00 Newsround (5932932) **5.10 Archer's Goon.** Episode four of the children's six-part comedy thriller (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2997845)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (708785). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (77)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (57). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring and his platoon have to deal with a German pilot whose parachute becomes entangled on a church spire (r). (Ceefax) (3203)
7.30 The Clothes Show. The second of two compilations. (Ceefax) (s) (41)
8.00 Bruce Forsyth's Generation Game. As a prelude, or a warning, to a new series beginning next week, highlights from last year's. (Ceefax) (s) (1932)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (9222)



The odd couple Murphy and Nolte (9.30pm)

9.30 Film: 48 Hours (1982). (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (656864)
11.05 Film: Carry on Camping (1969) starring Sid James and Bernard Bresslaw as two lecherous types mistakenly believing they are taking their girlfriends to a nudist camp. Directed by Gerald Thomas (428715) **12.30am Weather** (5462094)

BBC2

6.45 Open University (2412086)
8.00 Breakfast News (5922357) **8.15 Ghostwriter** (r) (s) (137067) **8.45 The Collectors.** David Lloyd-Jones and his art nouveau collection (r) (5155446)
9.00 Film: Miracles For Sale (1939, b/w) starring Robert Young as an illusionist investigating the deaths of two socialites who had been dabbling in the occult. Directed by Tod Browning (1695048)
10.10 Film: Busy Bodies (1933, b/w). Laurel and Hardy are let loose in a saw mill. Directed by Lloyd French (5934086) **10.30 Film: Beau Chumps** (1931, b/w). Stan and Ollie enrol in the Foreign Legion. Directed by James W. Horne (1477970)
11.05 Film: Anne of Windy Poplars (1940, b/w). The second of a two-film tribute to the late actress Anne Shirley. Directed by Jack Hively (4374864)
12.30 The Art of Surviving. The hardships faced by people living in North East Brazil (r) (9732086) **1.20 Joshua Jones** (r) (74752135) **1.30 Puppydog Tales** (r) (52270777) **1.35 Discovering Birds** (r) (68641241)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather. Followed by **Jumpcuts** (r) (55110672) **2.10 Revelations of a Mummy.** Scholars in Manchester scientifically investigate Egyptian mummy No 1770 (r) (9837574)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (5748680) **3.05 Safe Passage.** The work of specialist shipping pilots (1451357) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) (8590785)
4.00 Film: Flame Of the Barbary Coast (1945, b/w) starring John Wayne as a cattleman who falls for a San Francisco bar singer but has a rival in love. Directed by Joseph Kane (34628)
5.30 Going for Gold. The story of Manchester's bid for the Olympic Games in the year 2000 (26)
6.00 Film: At Gunpoint (1955) starring Fred MacMurray Western drama about a mild-mannered shopkeeper who is abandoned by his neighbours when he becomes the target of revenge after killing a bank robber. Directed by Alfred Werker (7491390)
7.20 Parenthood. American comedy series. (Ceefax) (180241) **7.45 What the Papers Say** (312048)
8.00 All Black: Talking Blues. See Choice (9703)
8.30 Gardeners' World. (Ceefax) (s) (9628)
9.00 Alas Smith and Jones (r). (Ceefax) (7864)
9.30 Off the Wall. A compilation of the series following six Byker estate, Newcastle upon Tyne, residents as they scour the country in an effort to borrow works of art to mount an exhibition on their estate (33319)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (Ceefax) (719661)
11.15 Weather (656241)



Heavy metal legend Iron Maiden (11.20pm)

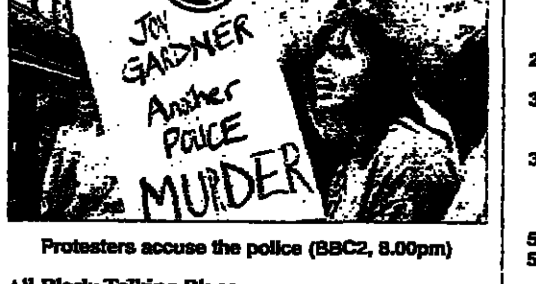
11.20 Raising Hell. Iron Maiden profiled (403406)
12.50am Film: Leningrad Cowboys Go America (1989). Cult comedy road movie following the fortunes of the worst rock band in the world as it tours the United States. Directed by Aki Kaurismaki. (Ceefax) (s) (2619181). Ends at **2.10**

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CHOICE

Paul Merton — the Series
Channel 4, 10.30pm

On the evidence of his first series Paul Merton is a comedian who performs better in harness than on his own. His harnesses include BBC2's *Have I Got News For You* and almost every panel game on Radio 4. Like the late Les Dawson in *Blankety Blank* Merton thrives on working against an established format. This second series of sketches, one-liners, visual gags and stand-up routines is presented, as before, from a tobacconist's kiosk. Merton is his own scriptwriter, along with John Irwin, and the standard is high. Most of the items come close to hitting the target. None is long enough to outstay its welcome. What is missing is the sudden darts of inspiration and the glorious subversion that Merton brings to other people's shows.



Protesters accuse the police (BBC2, 8.00pm)

All Black: Talking Blues
BBC2, 8.00pm

The case of Joy Gardner is the peg for an examination of how the police is perceived by Britain's black community. Mrs Gardner's death, after police officers went to her home to deport her, led to widespread protests. Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, defused the anger by suspending the officers involved. The programme suggests that the case is only one of several which, rightly or wrongly, have made black people see the police as racist. It reports on initiatives by the police to remove the distrust, through training and the recruitment of ethnic minorities. A survey of black attitudes towards the police, commissioned for the programme, shows that there is a long way to go.

Strange But True?
ITV, 9.30pm

Did you know that Todmorden, on the edge of the Pennines, is the Ufo capital of the British Isles? If not, Michael Aspel is on hand to tell you all about it. Of all the sightings of flying saucers and the like, one in ten occurs in Todmorden. Yet the folks who live there seem balanced enough, not easily taken in. One of the main witnesses to strange shapes in the sky is actually a former policeman. Still, as Aspel admits, you either believe it or you do not. His second excursion into the paranormal features a mother of two from Northamptonshire. She believes that she is the reincarnation of an Irish woman who died in the 1930s. In its way the story is even more unlikely than the unexplained goings-on in Todmorden.

48 Hours
BBC1, 9.30pm

The San Francisco setting echoes *Bullitt*. There is a rogue cop in the *Dirty Harry* mould. The odd couple at the centre of the plot recall other cinematic odd couples. That Walter Hill's film manages to transcend these borrowings, not to mention its intrinsic nastiness, is due to the furious pace and the talent of Eddie Murphy. In his first starring part the fast-talking Murphy plays a convict on a 48-hour release from prison to help Nick Nolte's maverick detective to track down a psychotic killer. It is a noisy, energetic and raw-edged piece with language to match, though the more offensive examples have been edited out for television. There is also a saving vein of humour, but do not expect a comfortable ride. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. Early morning news and entertainment (5109488)
9.25 The New Adventures of He-Man. Animated science fiction series (1412067) **9.50 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7950222) **9.55 Cartoon Time.** Donald Duck double bill (3096067)
10.10 Film: Return To Snowy River (1988) starring Brian Dennehy and Sigrid Thornton. Disney adventure about a young man who returns to his Australian roots after an absence of three years to claim his land and the love he left behind but finds opposition to both his plans. Directed by Geoff Burrowes (86185715) **11.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6499405)
12.00 Cartoon starring Mickey Mouse (r) (8289883) **12.10 Tots TV.** Children's puppet series (1386116)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Julia Somerville (Teletext) Weather (1060512) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (77138116)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Teletext) (489932) **1.45 A Country Practice** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (488203)
2.15 Who's In Charge Here? A showcase for comedy ventriloquist Ronn Lucas (r) (3202883)
3.10 News headlines (5766086) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (5765357) **3.20 The Young Doctors.** Australian hospital drama (2611609)
3.50 The Rattles (r) (4376609) **3.55 Bangers & Mash** (r) (3388715) **4.10 Talespin** (r) (s) (4364864) **4.40 Exam Conditions.** Comedy drama starring Brian Blessed (r) (1863319)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (2485796)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (643609)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (84999)
7.00 Through the Keyhole Celebrity home game. The guests are Katie Boyle, Leslie Thomas and Doc Cox (Teletext) (s) (8999)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (39)



Lindsay Frost behind the camera (8.00pm)

8.00 Film: Danielle Steel's Palomino (1991) starring Lindsay Frost and Lee Horsley. Romantic drama about a photographer, devastated by the break up of her marriage, who unexpectedly finds love while working on an assignment at a friend's California ranch. Directed by Michael Miller. (Teletext) (27338)
9.30 Strange But True? (r). (Teletext) See Choice (56116)
10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville. (Teletext) Weather (59715) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (888628)
10.40 International Athletics. Action from the Brussels grand prix (822574)
11.40 Dial Midnight. A new series of the phone-in lonely hearts show combined with comedy, discussion and music (s) (954932)
12.40am Tour of Duty. American Vietnam war drama (7529338)
1.35 The ITV Chart Show (s) (6551365)
2.35 Whale On. Music and discussion introduced by James Whale (6089891)
3.35 TXT. European chart and chat show (3480549)
4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. The latest film releases reviewed (91636)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (64094)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (62075)

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff Moggy cartoon series (2242715)
6.45 Wowser. Canine cartoon adventures (4791406)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (52241)
9.00 Saved By the Bell. American high school comedy series (36864)
9.30 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz A feature length compilation of the animated Saturday morning serial version of the classic story (r) (99792777)
11.20 The Henderson Kids Australian family drama series (r) (1454154)
11.50 An Artist Looks At Churches. John Piper explores artistic treasures of the country's churches (r) (1328512)
12.00 American Chronicles: Semper Fidelis. Members of the United States Marine Corps talk about their backgrounds and how they face the prospect of death. Narrated by Richard Dreyfuss (r) (56628)
12.30 Sesame Street Pre-school learning series The guest is singer Patti Labelle (r) (86048)
1.30 The Bluffers. Animated tales set in a forest (66593)
2.00 Valued Opinion. Antiques collecting series presented by Max Robertson His guest is Richard Allen, an expert from Sotheby's (r) (71272898)
2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Kempton. Derek Thompson introduces live coverage of the 2.35, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races (19854390)
4.30 Countdown Words and numbers game hosted by Richard Whiteley (Teletext) (s) (22)
5.00 The River Detectives A repeat of Monday's documentary about the work of agents of the National Rivers Authority (Teletext) (8512)
6.00 Hangin' With Mr Cooper. American comedy series. (Teletext) (s) (15)
6.30 Happy Days. Comedy set in 1950s Milwaukee (Teletext) (67)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Fiona Murch (Teletext) Weather (991488)
7.50 First Reaction (681680)
8.00 Kasparov v Short: The Showdown at the Savoy. A preview of *The Times* World Chess Championship between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short which begins on Tuesday at London's Savoy Theatre (5661)
8.30 Brookside. Soap set in a suburban Merseyside close (4796)
9.00 Athletics. Highlights from the GRE Clubs cup final at the Don Valley Stadium, Sheffield, introduced by Jim Rosenthal. The commentators are Alan Parry, Peter Matthews and Steve Ovett (4406)
10.00 Nurses Black comedy series set in a Miami hospital. (Teletext) (s) (57357)



Paul Merton and flippered friend (10.30pm)

10.30 Paul Merton: The Series (Teletext) (s) See Choice (859898)
11.05 Film: The Ghoul (1933, b/w) The *Meet the Killer* season continues with this Boris Karloff horror in which he plays an eccentric professor who rises from the dead to avenge the theft of an ancient Egyptian jewel. Directed by T. Hayes Hunter (411425)
12.30am Film: Before I Hang (1940, b/w). Another Boris Karloff horror from the *Meet the Killer* season. In this he is a murdering scientist who develops a serum to prevent ageing while in prison awaiting execution. With Evelyn Keyes and Bruce Bennett. Directed by Nick Grinde (7829758). Ends at **1.40**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Steve Edwards **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **11.00** 1FM Summer Roadshow, from Blackpool **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.30** Claire Sturgess in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **9.00** Friday Rock Show **11.00** John Peel (FM only from 12.00) **2.00-4.00am** Steve Edwards (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Brian Hayes **2.00pm** Debbie Greenwood **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** We Stayed in with... Jungr and Parker: from the Edinburgh Festival Fringe **7.30** Friday Night Is Music Night: live from the Hippodrome, Golders Green, London **8.45** Steven Miller **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00-4.00am** Adrian Finighan

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. **6.00am** World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Take Five **9.55** Mission Investigates (r) **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Room 101 **1.00** News Update **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** Sportsbeat **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** Dr Who (2/5) **7.15** Kiss the Dust (final episode) **7.30** Popcall **8.30** Euromix **9.30** Chain Reaction (r) **10.10** Rave **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin **5.30** Off the Shelf: Welsh Stones, *Just Like Little Dogs* **5.45** Folk Routes **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** White Nights: See Choice **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Music Review **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Global Concerns **10.30** On the Move **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** Focus on Faith **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** White Nights: See Choice **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Welsh Stones, *Just Like Little Dogs* **3.45** Global Concerns **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** News **6.05** Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Sportsworld **9.30** Science in Action **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Inside Westminster **11.45** Sports **Midnight** News **12.05am** Business Report **12.15** Multitrack 3 **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** From the Weeklies **1.45** Recording of the Week **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Seeing Stars **2.45** Jazz Now and Then **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** People and Politics **4.00** News **4.15** Sports

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Celebrity Choice **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Bruch (Concerto for Two Pianos, Op 88: Katia and Marielle Labèque) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Classic FM Concert: Sibelius (En Saga, Op 9); Stenhammar: (Piano Concerto No 1); Nielsen (Symphony No 2, The Four Temperaments) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** The Weekend Starts Here **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Sandy Beech

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Anglia News (77138116) **1.45** A Country Practice (488203) **2.15** The House Painter (403512) **2.45-3.10** Coach (3774357) **5.10-5.40** The Munsters Today (2485796) **6.00** Home And Away (430338) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (365661) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (888628) **11.40** Love And War (630203) **12.10am** Night Heat (6687181) **1.05** Whale On (7133926) **2.05** Raw Power. Rock and heavy metal music magazine (7735988) **3.05** Entertainment U.K. (2008162) **4.00** Musical Routes (94443) **4.30** Riviera. French drama serial (82984075) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.05pm Central News (77138116) **1.15** A Country Practice (489932) **1.45** Home And Away (488203) **2.15-3.10** McCloud (3202883) **3.20-3.50** Dinosaurs (2611609) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games And Videos (2485796) **6.00** Home And Away (430338) **6.25-7.00** Central News (365661) **11.40** Secret Of The Sahara (894593) **12.45am** Whale On (928162) **1.45** The Beat (924348) **2.45** Entertainment U.K. (948926) **3.45** Nightshift (41192549) **4.00-5.20** Jobfinder (9626704)

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 HTV News (77138116) **1.45** A Country Practice (488203) **2.15-3.10** Life Goes On (3202883) **6.00** HTV News (45) **6.30-7.00** HTV

VARIATIONS

Sportsweek (25) **11.40** Married...With Children (630203) **12.10am** Magnum (6687181) **1.05** Whale On (7133926) **2.05** Raw Power (7735988) **3.05** Entertainment U.K. (2008162) **4.00** Musical Routes (94443) **4.30** Riviera (82984075) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8708100)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 1.05pm-1.15 HTV Wales (77138116) **6.00** Wales At Six (45) **6.30-7.00** Get Going (25) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales (888628)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Meridian News & Weather (77138116) **2.15-3.10** Highway To Heaven (3202883) **3.20-3.50** All Together Now (2611609) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (84999) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News & Weather (888628) **11.40** Anything Goes (954932) **12.40am** Sledge Hammer (8401384) **1.10** Whale On (7132297) **2.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (8437758) **2.40** Raw Power (8088162) **3.40** Cue The Music (9556278) **4.30** The Art Of The Landscape

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.05pm Tyne Tees News (74762512) **1.10-1.15** Lookaround (74769425) **1.45** Film: Stopover Forever (1339357) **2.50-3.10** Stunts Unlimited (5409864) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (347703) **6.30-7.00** Against All Odds (25) **11.40** Film: A Cold Night's Death (273512) **1.05am** Whale On (7133926) **2.05** The Big E (7747723) **3.00** Film. Dodsworth (880452) **4.50** Get Wet (47668384) **5.10-5.30** Profile (8297425)

ULSTER

As London except: 1.45 A Country Practice (488203) **2.15-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (3202883) **3.20-3.50** Blockbusters (2611609) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live At Six (84999) **10.40-11.10** Atlantic Crossing (885488) **11.10** International Athletics (615406) **12.10am** Prisoner: Cell Block H (6687181) **1.05** Whale On (7133926) **2.05** Raw Power (7735988) **3.05** Entertainment U.K. (2008162) **4.00** Musical Routes (94443) **4.30** Riviera (82984075) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8708100)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Westcountry Latest (77138116) **1.45** Blockbusters (488203) **2.15** The Sullivans (403512) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (3774357) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (2611609) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (84999) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry Latest (888628) **11.40** Love And War (630203) **12.10am** The War Of The Worlds (6687181) **1.05** Whale On (7133926) **2.05** Raw Power (7735988) **3.05** Entertainment U.K. (2008162) **4.00** Musical Routes (94443) **4.30** Riviera (82964075) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.45 Film: Stopover Forever (1339357) **2.50-3.10** Stunts Unlimited (5409864) **5.55** Calendar (347703) **6.30-7.00** Against All Odds (25) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News (888628) **11.40** Film A Cold Night's Death (273512) **1.05am** Whale On (7133926) **2.05** The Big E (7747723) **3.00** Film Dodsworth (880452) **4.50** Get Wet (47668384) **5.10-5.30** Profile (8297425)

S4C

Starts: 9.00 Saved By The Bell (36864) **9.30** Teletoons (7619390) **10.25** Islanders (7393067) **10.40** Kelly (2774135) **11.05** The Henderson Kids (1459609) **11.30** Bobobobs (3425) **12.00pm** High 5 (56628) **12.30** Sesame Street (86048) **1.30** Our Backyard (66593) **2.00** Don McCullin: Redundant Warrior (5425) **2.30** Channel 4 Racing (71067) **4.30** Secret Life Of Machines (22) **5.00** Look At Britain - The Saturday Men (6777) **5.30** Countdown (74) **6.00** News (876116) **6.10** Hero (494512) **7.00** Jacpot (9241) **7.30** Goreuon Graffiti (51) **8.00** Y Cymro Cryfa (5661) **8.30** Newyddion (4796) **9.00** Athletics (4406) **10.00** Brookside (57357) **10.30** Paul Merton (859898) **11.05** Film: The Ghoul (411425) **12.30am** Film: Before I Hang (7829758)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Women's studies: feminist drama **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Catriona Young presents Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 3 in G, BWV 1048); Liszt (Hungarian Fantasy); Berlioz (Overture: Les Francs-Juges); Ravel (Daphnis et Chloé, Suite No 2)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Schumann: Music inspired by Friedrich Hebbel, E.T.A. Hoffmann and the Catholic liturgy. Overture: Genoveva; Kreisleriana; Hostias et preces tibi; Sanctus; Benedictus; Agnus Dei, Requiem, Op 148
10.00 BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis performs Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 5 in E flat, Emperor); Berlioz (Symphonie Fantastique)
11.45 Prom Artist of the Week: Barbara Bonney, soprano, performs Mozart (Exsultate Jubilate, K319: Vienna Concentus Musicus under Nickolaus Harnoncourt)
12.00 Schubert Songs (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Roy Howat, piano, performs Bartok (Dances in Bulgarian Rhythm, Mykrokosmos, Vol VI); Debussy (Images oubliées); Gershwin (Three Preludes); Ravel (Gaspard de la nuit) (r)
2.00 Youth Orchestras of the World: The London Youth Orchestra under Leon Gee performs Adams (The Chairman Dances); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat with Lars Vogt, piano); Walton (Symphony No 1)
3.50 Saint-Saëns for Winds: Elizabeth Westenholz, piano; Toke Lund Christiansen, flute; Niels Thomsen, clarinet and Joakim Dam Thomsen, oboe, perform Tarantelle, Op 6; Caprice, Op 79
4.15 Songs from the Franco-German Border: Presented by Beate Früh, Alsace, our little country (r)
5.00 In Tune
7.00 BBC Proms, live from the Albert Hall, London. Austro-Hungarian Haydn Orchestra under Adam Fischer with Stefan Vladar, piano, and Rainer Honeck, violin, performs Haydn (Svanisce in un momento, Il ritorno di Tobia; The Storm) Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 3 in C minor) **8.30** The Difficulty of the Arrival: Having dismissed the moral and utilitarian claims made for art in yesterday's Prom interval discussion, Raymond Tallis defines its true value. **8.50** Schubert (Rondo in A, D438); Haydn (Symphony No 97 in C)
9.45 South African Snapshots: André Brink, Patrick Cullinan and Stephen Gray talk about their most recent work, based on South African history, with Christopher Hope (r)
10.05 In Nomine: Robert Woolley plays *In nomines* by Carleton, Byrd, Bull and Tomkins on the 1680 Thomas Dallam organ in the Breton village of Ergué-Gaberic (r)
10.30 André Malraux: the Man and the Mask: Prize-winning novelist, Spanish Civil War volunteer, French Resistance leader, Gaullist minister and encyclopaedic writer about art. André Malraux is still controversial 17 years after his death. Richard Mayne explores the contradictions (r)
11.30 Midnight Oil: Fathers and Sons: Sarah Walker presents music from across the generations of the Stockhausen dynasty
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News; **6.45** Business News; **6.55, 7.55** Weather; **7.25, 8.25** Sports News; **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.43** The Natural History of Selborne **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Lady Soames chooses her records to take to the island (r)
9.45 Feedback: Chris Dunkley airs your letters and comments on BBC programmes and policy
10.00-10.30 News; Dear Dairy with Simon Brett (FM only)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible: Chronicles (3) (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour from Cardiff with Gail Foley. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm The Gardening Quiz: Stefan Buczacki, Irene Thomas and Norman Painting with guests Bill Tidy, Pam Ferris, Harry Chapman Pincher and Lady Barbirolli **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Classic Serial: Tono-Bungay. See Choice (r)
3.00 News; Special Assignment
3.30 A Good Read: Edward Blishen and his guests Annette Kobak and Sebastian Faulks select three paperbacks
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reports from the South East Asian arts festival in Birmingham, reviews Tim Park's new novel *Shear* and talks to author Walter Mosley
4.45 Short Story: A Woman Without a Country by John Cheever. Read by William Hootkins (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places: Peter Macann and Janet Trewin visit the Channel Islands
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week: Neil Kinnock presents his selection from BBC radio and television
8.05 Any Questions? Nick Clarke with guests Lady Howe, chairman of the Broadcasting Standards Council; Dr Madsen Pirie, president of the Adam Smith Institute, Anthony Scrivener, QC; and Michael White, political editor of *The Guardian* tackle the issues raised in Hull
8.50 Science Now: Reports from the annual meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Resolution to Swing. The trumpeter Wynton Marsalis reflects on his career and his vision of jazz in the 1990s (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight with Max Easterman
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Trick of It by Michael Frayn (5 of 10)
11.00 Struck Off and Die The last of the provocative medical comedy series presented by Dr Phil Hammond and Dr Tony Gardner
11.25 The Financial Week with Heather Payton
11.45 Rushes: The artist Tom Phillips paints a sound picture of the radio in his life
12.00-12.43am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

White Nights. *World Service, 8.30am and 1.15pm*
Chris Kirkam, visiting the former Leningrad which has now regained its old name, discovers that it is also regaining its status as a window to the West. He notes that Peter the Great, in effigy in the city centre, points westward. And, following the direction of the famed czar's finger, he observes that a company in St Petersburg that once made warships and submarines has now tied up with a British firm to export bouncing castles to Britain. Western-style capitalism? Not quite. The company puts workers' security before profit.

Classic Serial: Tono-Bungay. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*
With its orphan hero and Micawber-like uncle, H G Wells's novel gets off to a Copperfieldish start. Once we get past episode one, however, the story will take off in a different direction altogether. For one thing we find out what, where or who Tono-Bungay is. I will not spoil your enjoyment by offering clues. This three-part serialization is by Nigel Gearing. It has taken him very few brush strokes to bring Wells's characters to life, though some work still needs doing on James Laurenson's Uncle Ponderevo. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; FM-97.6-99.8. RADIO 2: FM-88-90.2. RADIO 3: FM-90.2-92.4. RADIO 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6. RADIO 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. CAPITAL: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; WORLD SERVICE: MW 648kHz/463m. CLASSIC FM: FM-100-102. VIRGIN: MW-1215, 1197, 1242 kHz. COMPILED BY PETER DEAR AND KRIS ANDERSON

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Cartoons (3631628) **6.20** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (2928319) **6.50** The DJ Kat Show (76657777) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (10338) **10.00** Card Sharks (6530999) **10.25** Concentration (3452593) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (9629338) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (75116) **12.00** E Street (72680) **12.30pm** Three's Company (14154) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (19609) **2.00** Testimony of Two Men: Mini-series (final part) (7225086) **2.55** Another World (5126999) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (3797446) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (6852) **6.00** Games World (7135) **6.30** E Street (1715) **7.00** Rescue (1241) **7.30** Full House (7999) **8.00** WWF Mania (52338) **9.00** Code 3 (16048) **9.30** Crime International (94390) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (35661) **11.00-12.00am** The Streets of San Francisco (96609)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour **6.00am** Sunrise (2465086) **9.30** ABC Nightline (81680) **10.30** 48 Hours (70086) **11.30** International Business Report (90628) **12.30** News And Business Report (41574) **1.30** CBS This Morning (42203) **2.30** 48 Hours (92425) **3.30** ABC Nightline (78116) **4.30** News And Business Report (7512) **5.00** Live at Five (312154) **7.30** 48 Hours (8241) **8.00** News Hour (58222) **9.30** Talkback (84796) **11.30** CBS Evening News (58932) **12.30** 48 Hours (11029) **1.30** CBS Evening News (93452) **2.30** Holiday Destinations (23742) **3.30** CBS Evening News (74167) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (22452) **5.30** CBS Evening News (17549)

SKY MOVIES PLUS

6.00 Showcase (8521574)
10.00 Oscar (1991) Fast-paced farce from John Landis starring Sylvester Stallone as 1930's gangster Angelo "Snaps" Provolone. With Tim Curry (18970)
12.00 Oh God! (1977) George Burns, as the Supreme Being, chooses a supermarket manager to be his prophet With John Denver (76357)
2.00 Babe Ruth (1991) Biopic of New York Yankees batsman legend starring Stephen Lang (59241)
4.00 My Blue Heaven (1990): Comedy with Steve Martin as the maladjusted hood whose placement in the witness protection programme lands him in trouble (2116)
6.00 Oscar (as 10.00am) (46777)
8.00 Vietnam War Story: The Last Days (1990): A trilogy of powerful films based on real events. The Last Outpost, The Last Soldier and Dirty Work. (44463628)
9.40 US Top 10 (285241)
10.00 Harley Davidson and the Marlboro Man (1991): Mickey Rourke and Don Johnson are the biker and the rodeo rider teaming up to help an old friend (717609)
11.40 Enter The Game Of Death Chinese martial arts thriller starring Bruce Lee and Cheung Lah (739241)
1.15am Tales from the Darkside: The Movie. Three spin-off tales from the popular television terror show, linked by wit and middle-class witchcraft. With Deborah Harry, Christian Slater and David Johansen (58085365)
3.30 Neon City (1991): Futuristic action when cities are under cover and the earth is a wasteland (692094) Ends at **5.15**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm And Now for Something Completely Different (1972) Monty Python's first venture into films with a collage of sketches and animated sequences (39425)
8.00 Monty Python Live at the Hollywood Bowl (1982) The gang in a stage show given in Los Angeles in 1982 (34970)
10.00 Monty Python's Life Of Brian (1979) Irreverent religious satire from the comedy team (68135) Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00 Dracula (1931, b/w): Bela Lugosi stars in the classic adaptation of Bram Stoker's story (13845)
8.00 The Dragon that Almost Wasn't (1983) Animated adventures of a baby dragon (51048)
10.00 Hong Kong (1951) Ronald Reagan is the former GI thwarted from stealing a precious idol by an orphan girl (18512)
12.00 Beauty and the Beast Joyce Taylor stars as the princess who learns to love the cursed prince (74999)
2.00pm The Emperor's New Clothes. The classic tale a là Hollywood (57883)
4.00 The Dragon that Almost Wasn't (as 8.00am) (3086)
6.00 Last Time I Saw Archie (1961) A comedy of the bizarre exploits of a conman (Robert Mitchum) in the midst of an army base With Jack Webb (44319)
8.00 City Slickers (1991). Mid-life crises drive three friends to vacation as cowpokes Starring Billy Crystal, Daniel Stern, Bruno Kirby and Jack Palance (49864)
10.00 Regarding Henry Harrison Ford stars as a lawyer forced to rebuild his life With Annette Bening (195338)
11.50 Rainbow Drive (1990). Murder and intrigue in this stylish police thriller (125628)
1.30am The Checkered Flag (1991) Love triangle comes between motor-racing buddies (636487)
3.10 The Lonely Passion Of Judith Hearne (1987) An aging Irish spinster embarks on a tragic search for love and happiness. Starring Maggie Smith and Bob Hoskins (513758) Ends at **5.00am**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (5799113) **7.15** Prime Bodies (216048) **7.45** Cycling (215319) **8.15** Soccer News (9097845) **8.30** Trucks 'N' Tractor Power (47883) **9.00** Prime Bodies (38135) **9.30** Motor World (52203) **10.00** F1 Grand Prix (28222) **11.00** Andy Gray's Boot Room (48086) **12.00** World Sports Special (58999) **12.30pm** US Open Tennis (6866608) **4.00** US Open Tennis — Live (6338) **6.00** Soccer Weekend (71338) **7.00** The Big League — Live: Oldham v Bradford (969086) **9.30** French Football League (76883) **10.00** US Open Tennis (81929) **11.00** Soccer Weekend (29951) **12.00-4.00am** US Open Tennis — Live (9171013)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (24406) **8.00** Rowing World Championships (24338) **9.00** Olympic Magazine (23203) **9.30** Mountain Bike (87999) **10.00** Basketball — Brazil v US CBA All Stars Live (89338) **11.30** Sports Equipment Magazine (55951) **12.00** Basketball — Bayer Leverkusen v Knorr Bologna Live (83383) **1.30** Football (33845) **3.00** American Football from Berlin (66067) **4.00** American Football from London (45574) **5.00** Basketball (2135) **5.30** Basketball — Brazil v CSP Limoges (36593) **7.00** Eurosport (2399) **7.30** Motorsport Report (27357) **8.30** "Moto" Magazine (8834) **9.00** Boxing (75203) **11.00** Formula 3000 (21319) **12.00** German Touring Cars (31704) **12.30-1.00am** Eurosport

UK GOLD

7.00am Adventures Of The Galaxy Rangers (8977357) **7.30** Neighbours (8956864) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1692796) **8.30** EastEnders (1691067) **9.00** The Bill (1682319) **9.30** The Brothers (1902864) **10.30** Colditz (2966864) **11.30** Rhoda (3219721) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1695883) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2397883) **1.00** EastEnders (8976628) **1.30** The Bill (2396154) **2.00** Never the Twain (5521796) **2.30** The Mistress (8260970) **3.00** Dallas (5114357) **4.00** Dynasty (7777334) **5.00** Blankety Blank (5512048) **5.30** Give Us A Clue (8271086) **6.00** Neighbours (8278999) **6.30** The Brothers (1595951) **7.30** Never the Twain (8258135) **8.00** EastEnders (5501932) **8.30** The Mistress (5520067) **9.00** Colditz (3062574) **10.00** The Bill (1696512) **10.30** Rory Bremner (1672332) **11.00** Top of the Pops (8150661) **11.50** Dr Who (8860715) **12.20am** Film: Cat People (1942) Brilliant B-movie horror of a deadly Serbian curse (16110365) **1.35-2.00** Video Bites (5023617)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

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UK LIVING

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FAMILY CHANNEL

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Former world No 1 reappears on world stage in United States Open

Wilander regains winning thread

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK

AMID the fiery intensity of the United States Open tennis championships here, in which five men's seeds have withered during the first round, one competitor is playing for fun. Once he was the champion here at Flushing Meadow; once he was the best player in the world. Then he lost his desire.

These days, Mats Wilander, 29, occasionally plays team tennis with the New Jersey Stars and appears only in tournaments that are within driving distance from his home in Greenwich, Connecticut. Since the US Open qualifiers, he requested and was granted the wild card that might otherwise have been taken by Jimmy Connors.

So on Wednesday evening, Wilander strolled through the madding crowd out to court 16. Like court 14 at Wimbledon, it lies in a distant corner of the grounds and is reserved for occasions that feature notable, though not leading, players. Both stands were full.

Jaime Oncins, his opponent, might have to be treated for growing inferiority complex. For the second successive year, he found himself acting as a stooge. His previous experience was even more intimidating. He had to play Connors, the darling of New Yorkers, on his fortieth birthday.

Since winning the title five years ago, Wilander had entered twice and departed in the second and first rounds respectively in 1989 and 1990. By then, his appetite for the game he had bestrode had dwindled. He was aware that he was going through the motions.

"At that time, I couldn't think of anything more boring than playing tennis," he recalled. "I didn't feel I was playing for the right reasons any more. I just kept playing because I was ranked No 1 and because I was making money. I didn't start like that and I don't want to end up like that, either. The last thing I'm thinking about is getting back on the tour and playing 35 weeks a year. Unfortunately, there is no second division, as in soccer. It is either 15 tournaments a year or none. But I love to compete and I love to win."

He competed and he won, 7-5, 7-6, 7-6, ultimately through one of the longest tie breaks in the history of the tournament. It lasted for 34 points, four short of the record set a few hours earlier by Goran Ivanisevic, also in the third and final set against Daniel Nestor.

There were flashes of the old Wilander, although he has to be more forceful and aggressive to preserve his own reduced stamina. "I'm not going to outlast these guys any more," he said. He changed rackets a week ago and suddenly found that he had the necessary power to hit clean winners.

His next opponent is Michael Pernfors, a fellow Swede, and that is as far as Wilander cares to look. The prospect of climbing back up the rankings — he has plummeted, through inactivity, down to 558 in the world — is summarily dismissed. Nevertheless, he remembers that "it was much more fun getting to the top than being there.

"I don't think I would go to the French Open now, for instance, but here it is so convenient. I have a court at home and I can practise as much as I want on the same surface. It is fun to hang around here and if I get a chance to play well, I will take it."

The constant travelling became particularly wearisome and it can be no coincidence that many of his peers were effectively burned out at a similar age. Wilander, who won his first major championship, the French, at the age of 17, eventually collected as many grand slam titles as John McEnroe, who won his seventh and last when he was 25. Bjorn Borg retired in his mid-twenties.

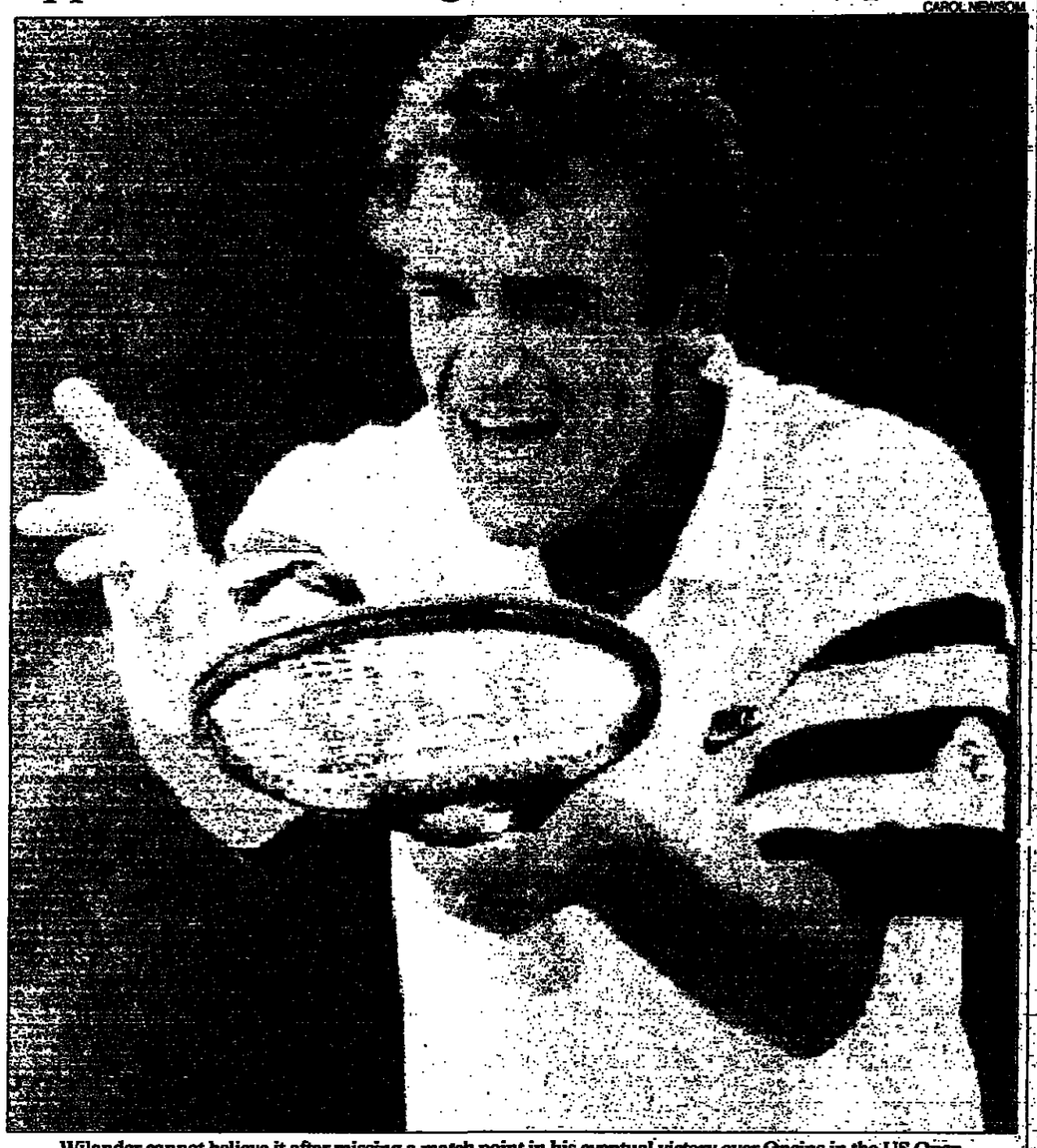
Boris Becker is also 25 now and he has not reached a grand slam final for the last two years. Andre Agassi is 23 and, after his first-round defeat, questions are being asked here about whether his future might already be behind him.

Ivan Lendl's evidently is. This year, the 33-year-old has won only one grand slam match, against Brian Devening, at Wimbledon. When he became one of half a dozen players to withdraw from the tournament through illness or injury, Lendl completed his worst year since he started his senior career at the French Open in 1978.

Pete Sampras belongs in another age. Three years ago, he became the youngest not only to win here but any grand slam event anywhere when he was 17. Yesterday, he dropped a set against Daniel Vacek before taking his expected place in the third round 6-4, 5-7, 6-2, 7-6.

Vacek fired down 24 aces but Sampras, the No 2 seed, had more power overall. He kept his service under control, double-faulting just three times in the 2½-hour match and winning 91 per cent of his first-service points. Vacek, whose career includes a victory over the US Open champion, Stefan Edberg, had nine double faults.

CAROL NEWSOM



Wilander cannot believe it after missing a match point in his eventual victory over Oncins in the US Open

MEN'S SINGLES: First round: N Borwick (Aus) bt I Lendl (US), 4-6, 6-4, 3-1, ret; M Larsson (Swe) bt G Raoux (Fr), 6-2, 6-4, 7-6; W Masur (Aus) bt T Carbonell (Sp), 6-3, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3; T Woodbridge (Aus) bt M Rosset (Switz), 5-7, 6-0, 6-1, 7-5; P Kuhnen (Ger) bt B Shelton (US), 6-4, 7-6, 4-6, 6-1; R Fromberg (Aus) bt K Thorne (US), 6-1, 6-7, 6-6, ret; M Wilander (Swe) bt J Oncins (Sp), 7-5, 7-6, 7-6; A Berasategui (Sp) bt V Spadea (US), 4-6, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3, 8-2; M Pernfors (Swe) bt K Carlsen (Den), 6-4, 8-4, 7-6.

MEN'S DOUBLES: First round: B Black (Zim) and B Steven (NZ) bt T Ho and C Woodruff (US), 6-0, 6-3; T Nijssen (Holl) and C Suk (Cz Rep) bt B Haygarth (SA) and J Pugh (US), 6-7, 6-4, 7-6; M Goellner and D Prinosil (Ger) bt J Palmer and J Stark (US), 6-4, 6-4; J Bjorkman (Swe) and P Rafter (Aus) bt J Cunha-Silva (Por) and M Rush (Ven), 6-3, 6-3; D Risch and D Witt (US) bt J Donar and O Jonsson (Swe), 2-6, 7-5, 6-3; J Eltingh and P Haarhuis (Holl) bt R Deppe (SA) and D Rikl (Cz Rep), 6-3, 6-3; P Annacone and D Wheaton (US) bt M Oosting (Holl) and D Vacek (Cz Rep), 1-6, 6-3, 7-5; G Connell (Can) and P Galbraith (US) bt F Montana and G Van Emburgh (US), 7-6, 6-2; D Adams (Aus) and A Olhovskiy (Russ) bt M Knowles (Bah) and T Martin (US), 7-6, 6-3; D Eisenman (US) and D Johnson (SA) S Casal and E Sanchez (Sp), 7-6, 6-1; M Bernard (SA) and T Mercer (US) bt N Broad and G Muller (SA), 3-6, 7-6, 7-6.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Second round: J Wasner (Austria) bt C Wegink (Holl), 6-0, 6-2; B Schultz (Holl) bt S Meier (Ger), 6-2, 6-3; S Hack (Ger) bt K Quentrec (Fr), 6-0, 6-1; L Davenport (US) bt P Hy (Can), 6-4, 6-2; A Coetzer (SA) bt Shi-Ting Wang (Taiwan), 6-1, 6-3; K Date (Japan) bt A Keller (US), 6-4, 6-0; M Pierce (Fr) bt N Arendt (US), 6-2, 6-4.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: First round: S Farina and L Ferrando (It) bt W Probst and C Singer (Ger), 6-1, 6-1; L Field (Aus) and K Kschwendt (Switz) bt B Bowes and P O'Reilly (US), 7-6, 6-3; R Bobkova and P Langrova (Cz Rep) bt N Van Lottum (Fr) and A Woolcock (Aus), 6-3, 7-5; E Reinach (SA) and J Richardson (NZ) bt J Emmons (US) and T Price (SA), 6-4, 6-0; A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) and M Sukova (Cz Rep) bt I Majoli (Cro) and E Nagelsen (US), 6-3, 6-0; I Dhehuis (Holl) and L Nowak (Mex) bt S McCarthy and K Po (US), 6-7, 6-3, 6-0; F Labat (Arg) and B Rittner (Ger) bt L Allen and A Henricksson (US), 6-2, 6-2; R McQuillan (Aus) and C Porwik (Ger) bt M Paz (ARg) and C Vis (Holl), 8-3, 4-6, 6-3; A and E de Lone (US) bt M Maleeva (Bul) and M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz), 1-2, ret; N Provis (Aus) and L Raymond (US) bt A Cresk (US) and M Oldham (GB), 6-2, 6-3.

Lewis's 247 guides Notts to season's top score

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

SUSSEX had less than a day to savour the distinction of being the season's highest scorers. Their 591 against Essex was surpassed by Nottinghamshire, who carried on to reach 629 at Chester-le-Street where they beat Durham by an innings and 157 runs.

Chris Lewis, who was last man out for 247, made in exactly seven hours with two sixes and 35 fours, added 301 for the seventh wicket with Bruce French, whose 123 was also a career-best. There have been only two higher stands for this wicket in championship history.

Not surprisingly, Durham were overwhelmed by this mountain of runs and, after an opening partnership of 50, they subsided to 164 all out with the fast bowlers, Andy Pick and David Pennett, each taking five wickets.

Essex passed up the opportunity of overhauling Nottinghamshire and posting a truly massive total when Graham Gooch declared at 493 for four at Hove with Paul Prichard, on 225 not out, and Nasser Hussain, on 70, both game for more. Even the nightwatchman, Mark Ilott, made a half-century. His was the only wicket to fall until the day's closing moments when Bill Athey and Ed Giddins fell with the Sussex score on 228.

Hampshire were also in the frame for a while, passing 500 at the Oval with only five wickets down after 59 from their nightwatchman, Cardigan Connor. But they faded away to 559 all out, a lead of 179.

Nick Speak became the first of Lancashire's specialist batsman, other than Mike Atherton, to make a championship century this season, when he led a commendable recovery from 51 for three against Worcestershire at New Road, Lancashire, 253 ahead with six wickets standing, will never have a better chance to end their recent dismal run.

James Whitaker can look forward to celebrating his second victory since taking over the Leicestershire captaincy. After his determined innings of 126 at Grace Road, Yorkshire were left to score 228. An explosive burst of three wickets for two runs in 18 balls late in the day by David Millns left them struggling at 139 for seven.

British pair overcome boat switch to ease into final

FROM MIKE ROSEWELL ROWING CORRESPONDENT IN ROUDNICE CZECH REPUBLIC

STEVE Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent's professionalism was tested to the limit at the world rowing championships here yesterday. Just 1½ hours before their coxless pairs semi-final, Jurgen Grobler, their coach, found that the structure of Pinsent's foot stretcher was disintegrating and needed repair.

By chance, their 1990 boat, which they used in the Olympics, had been brought to Roudnice for an exhibition and a hasty re-rigging session ensued. The organisers allowed the world champions a 20-minute period on the course to check the essentials.

"There was a different feel to the boat," Pinsent said. "We decided to stick to the basics as far as race plan was concerned. We sat in the field for 1,250 metres and then decided to go."

The decision "to go" came when Redgrave and Pinsent lay second to Kirchhoff and Sennewald, of Germany, and they swept past into first place, recording a remarkable 1min 33sec in the last 500. They will decide today which boat to use in the final on Saturday.

The Nottingham County lightweight four, Britain's other world champions, won their semi-final after lying third at 1,000 metres. They steadily increased the tempo from 35 to 42 over the second half with bowman, Chris Bates, a collector of international medals since 1983, calling the changes.

Peter Haining was in a silver medal-winning four with Bates in 1986 and 1987 before switching to sculling. Sixth in the lightweight world championships in 1992, he has developed a "tunnel vision" approach to winning gold this year and won his semi-final by passing Niall O'Toole, of Ireland, the 1991 champion, on the last stroke.

A solid performance by Britain's heavyweight coxless four gave them a comfortable third place, and qualification for their final, but Sue Key, the lightweight sculler, and the lightweight coxless pair bowed out. After a rest day today, eleven British crews will compete in the finals on Saturday and Sunday.

Thomson in front after scare over King William



Thomson: dressage lead

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

MARY Thomson, who thought her chances of competing at the Burghley Remy Martin Horse Trials had ended when her horse, King William, cut himself yesterday morning, has taken a three-point lead at the end of the first day of dressage.

An hour before Thomson was due into the arena, King William, the winner of Badminton last year and a member of the 1992 Olympic team, spooked at the noise of a car and jumped sideways, ripping open his near hind leg with his studs.

"When I saw the blood gushing out I thought I would have no chance of competing," Thomson said. Fortunately, the cut was not as severe as it first looked. King William, who seemed impervious to the drama, produced one of his best tests. His only tense moment came during the walk, but otherwise it was beautifully soft and rhythmic throughout, deservedly earning a mark of 43 points.

Only three other riders achieved a score in the 40s. Frances Hay Smith, a member of the British team in the inaugural team event at Burghley, is second after a superb performance on Jabba The Hutt. David O'Connor, the British Open champion, riding On A Mission, and Pippa Nolan, on Heron's Flight, are on 47.2 and 47.8 respectively.

Hay Smith, 32, established herself at the forefront of the sport after finishing fifteenth at Badminton in May. On that occasion, she was 37th after the dressage.

Her performance yesterday reflects the training she has received from Lady Joicey, a former British team member. This, though, is Hay Smith's first Burghley and her initial reaction to Mark Phillips's enormous 31-fence cross-country course was one of terror. "By the second course walk I began to see there was a possibility of jumping it," she said.

O'Connor, 31, from Virginia, is optimistic that the course will suit On A Mission. The 11-year-old gelding, who competed in his first novice event only 18 months ago, won Loughanmore three-day-event last year and was fourth at Punchestown in May.

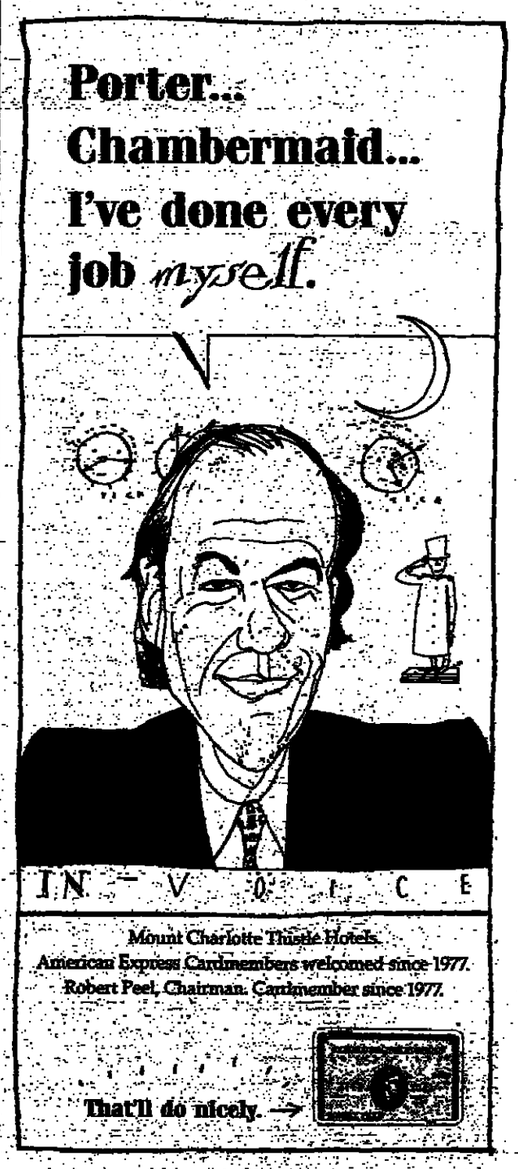
"He's very honest and straight and a real power jumper, which should help him here," O'Connor said. "I'll be able to see how the course is riding before I go, so if difficult fences — like the bounce of parallel rails at No 5 — are jumping well, I'll go for it."

Lynne Bevan, the other British team member to compete yesterday, had a disappointing test on Horton Point, who lacked his usual sparkle. But the 15-year-old gelding is one of the most experienced horses in the 82-strong field and should compensate for his mark in the cross country. Bevan intends to take all the quick routes.

Thomson also intends to take most of the direct routes, with the possible exception of fence No 7, the intriguing Brampton Willows, where the quickest route leaves no margin for error.

The leading positions are likely to change today when the second half of the field complete their dressage. Several fancied partnerships are competing, including Mark Todd, of New Zealand, a dual Olympic champion, who rides Just an Ace, and Tanya Cleverly, with Watkins, who were third at Badminton.

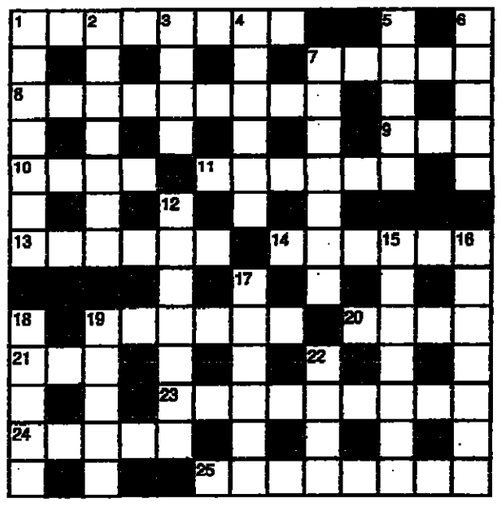
RESULTS (after first day of dressage): 1, King William (M Thomson, GB), 43.0; 2, Jabba The Hutt (F Hay Smith, GB), 46.0; 3, On A Mission (D O'Connor, US), 47.2; 4, Heron's Flight (P Nolan, GB), 47.8; 5, Lega Eleven (T Randle, GB), 51.0; 6, Marlachi (F Le Goupil, Fra), 52.6.



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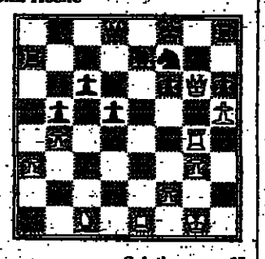
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By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Kasparov-Andersson, Tilburg 1981. In the early eighties, Sweden's Ulf Andersson was one of the toughest players to defeat. At Tilburg in 1981, however, Kasparov tore him apart in just 30 moves. Here is the conclusion. How did Kasparov, White to play, finish off?



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WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

TODA
a. A solitary female
b. Toadflax
c. A South Indian people

FULLEND
a. To end fully
b. The headland of a plough
c. The prow of a rubber dingy

MACHISM
a. Virility; machismo
b. Empirio-criticism
c. Swifter than sound

CHAROSET
a. Mixture of apples and spices
b. A dog-drawn perambulator
c. The spout of a teapot

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